











## The Willcomb Family.



"MY NAME IS THOUGHTFUL-SEE-A-SHILL-DANDIE-ETIM-HOLT  
WILLIAM, AND I GET A STICK OF CANDY  
FOR SAYING IT."

GENEALOGY  
OF  
The Willcomb Family  
OF NEW ENGLAND  
(1665-1902.)

TOGETHER  
WITH A CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE  
TOWN OF IPSWICH, MASS.

[PROFUSELY ILLUSTRATED.]

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## PREFACE.

**I**N view of the steadily increasing interest among the American people in historical and genealogical research, I feel that I need present no apology for placing this work before a book-loving public.

Genealogy is supposed to be a dry, brain-wearying, pocket-emptying task, and the search eventually, if carried far enough, ends with the monkey—according to some modern ideas. However, I prefer to accept the earlier theory that we are descended from the gods.

My principal reason for engaging in this undertaking was the woeful ignorance concerning our ancestry, who they were, where they lived and died, and what was their business, occupation or profession.

In my researches I have gained friends, relatives, knowledge and wisdom, so it has not been altogether unprofitable, though I was somewhat disgusted one day when I went to Malden, Mass., to look up a John, Ann and William Welcome who lived there about a century and a half ago.

A long and weary search finally ended at the home of Malden's historian. He listened patiently to my story, and said quietly, as a smile stole over his face:—

"I guess they were no relatives of yours."

"It seems," said I, eagerly, "as if they *must* be relatives; there are the family surna—"

"I guess not," and his smile deepened.

"Why?"

"Because they were *Niggers*," he responded gently.

You see there *are* "black sheep" in *every* family, and it was small satisfaction to me to have him explain that they, or their ancestors, had probably been slaves, and had taken their master's name.

But to resume.

Having off and on for a dozen years hunted up the dead and the living, the lost and strayed Willcombs who have chosen to spell, or have allowed others to spell their name, Wilcom, Welcom, Wilcum, Welcum, Wilcome, Welcome, Wilcomb, Welcomb, Wilcombe, Welcombe, Willcomb, Wellcomb, Willcombe, Wellcombe, Willicomb, Wellicomb, Willicome, Wellicome, Willicombe, Wellicombe and Woolcombe, I respectfully request the public to pass a law making it a criminal offence for any member of the family to spell their name in any other way than "WILLCOMB."

Twenty-one ways of spelling the name is about twenty too many—for the comfort of the family genealogist, at least. It is hard enough for him to untangle them from the Wicoms, Wickhams, Whitcombs, and kindred names.

In making my entry into the field of genealogical research I was at once staggered by the rarity of the name. Directories, histories, genealogies, magazines,



encyclopædias, county records, town records, and even *prison* records, had almost any other name.

Just prior to a tour of England by one of my clerical friends, I requested him to copy the name and address from the London directory of any of my family name. The look of alarm at my request increased almost to horror as said faintly,—

“Why, there must be thousands of them.”

On his return, in response to my inquiry, he said, “I found *one*.”

Ipswich, Mass., town records, and Essex County records were gold mines by comparison, and the officials quite different from a certain registrar in another county, who in response to an inquiry by mail if the name “Willcomb” occurred in the index of his county’s registry, wrote on the return postal:—

“No!—*fee* \$2.”

No one sees the defects in the following pages more clearly than the publisher—unless it be the *age-sensitive* ones. There are many errors and omissions. Officials are careless, people indifferent, memories treacherous, records lost or destroyed, and we have been unable to rake New England with a fine-toothed comb, or even a small part of it, to say nothing of the whole country. Many records conflict, and I was forced to choose that which in my judgment was the correct one.

Many of the records have been beyond my reach, or of the existence of which I was unaware. Much is necessarily left for another volume, or for others to

search out who have more time and money than the author, and no one regrets more sincerely than he the incompleteness with which this volume closes.

However, I have made a pioneer effort, which, though rough, like all pioneer work, yet has a positive value, and with kind regards to all members of our family wherever located, I remain,

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OF COURSE I MUST DEDICATE THE BOOK TO SOMEONE,  
AND I KNOW OF NONE BETTER THAN  
THE LADY WHO,  
MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, AS  
ANNIE E. EMERSON,  
CONSENTED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE  
WILLCOMB FAMILY,  
UNLESS IT BE—







THE LADY WHO WON MY FATHER'S HEART,  
YEARS AGO,  
AND WHO HAS EVER BEEN  
A TRUE MOTHER  
TO ME.





# Some Allied Families

BY MARRIAGE.

AYATT	HOWARD	SAUNDERS
BARNARD	HOYT	SAVORY
BEADLE	HUEZE	SEWARD
BENFIELD	HUNT	SHATTUCK
BLAKE	ION	SLEEPER
BLYE	JEANS	SMITH
BROCKELBANK	JEWETT	SOUTHWORTH
BURNHAM	JOHNSON	STANWOOD
CHAPMAN	LAMBERT	STEARNS
CODY	LANE	STEVENS
COTTON	LINDLEY	STONE
CROCKETT	LISTER	STRONG
DANE	LORD	SWEET
DELAND	LOWE	SWORTZ
DEMARAIS	MACARTY	SYMONDS
DENNIS	MCDONALD	TAYLOR
DODGE	MANNING	TITCOMB
DOE	MARBLE	TOWNSEND
DOLE	MARBURY	TREADWELL
DUNNELLS	MASURY	TURRELL
EASTMAN	METCALF	TURNER
EDWARDS	MITCHELL	TYLER
EMERSON	MORGAN	UNDERHILL
FLAGG	MORRIS	WARNER
GILBERT	NICHOLS	WASHBURN
HAMMOND	NOURSE	WATTS
HARRIS	ORDWAY	WEBB
HAWKINS	PAGE	WEBBER
HAZELTINE	PHILBRICK	WEED
HELLYER	PICKARD	WELLS
HIBBARD	PRIDE	WENTWORTH
HODGES	REES	WHIPPLE
HODGKINS	RICHARDSON	WHITE
KODSDEN	ROBIE	WHITNEY
HOGAN	ROBINSON	WILLEY
HOLLAND	ROSS	WILLIAMS
HOLMES	SALTMARSH	WILSON
HOPKINS .	SARGENT	

## English Surnames

**D**ID not come into general use until about the time of the Conquest, in 1066, and became permanent about one hundred years later. They were formed in various ways, some of which are:—

By adding the word “son” to the father’s name, as Peterson, Richardson, Johnson, etc.

By using the name of the trade or occupation, as Smith, Turner, Taylor or Potter.

By taking names of places, as, Townsend, Underhill, Saltmarsh, and many others easily thought of.

By choosing the names of colors, as Brown, Green, White, Black.

By selecting some trait or characteristic of the individual, for instance, Strong, Hardy, Walker.

It has been supposed by one antiquary that centuries ago some one was called “William the welcome,” and his posterity dropping the article kept the name “Welcome,” spelling it in various ways as fancy dictated. But one thing is certain, that the true origin of the Willcomb Family, like many others, is lost in the mists and the shadows of the “Dark Ages,” even the meaning of the name being unknown.

The name is spelled in a variety of ways. In Old German (8th century) it is “Willicomo,” “Uilcomae.”

Lib. vit. English, "Wilcomb," "Welcomb," "Willcomb," "Welcombe." Modern German, "Willkomm."

In "Burke's Colonial Gentry," may be found a line of the family of "WOOLLCOMBE," from 1497 to 1900, of which the present descendant is Belfield Morth Woolcombe, of Ashbury, near Tumaree, Canterbury, New Zealand. Whether it is a separate family or a branch connected with ours is not yet ascertained.

In Topham's Index to Chancery Proceedings, 1603-25, Bundle 11, No. 79, may be found the entry "Atkinson contra Welcombe." Perhaps some member of the family visiting England may be interested to look up this case.

We also found that Alexander Welcombe and — Elnor were married June 26, 1628, at West Quantoxhead, Somerset Co., England.

There was a — Wellcombe living in the parish of Bucksdown, Dorsetshire, about 1645.

In the record of christenings at St. James Cathedral, Clerkenwell, is found that of John, son of William and Elizabeth Welcum, Feb. 11, 1683.

In the registry of the bishop of Winchester, Hampshire, is recorded the marriage of Thomas Hellyer, of the *H. M. S. Chichester*, and Eizabeth Wellcome, at Alverstoke, (or Gosport) March 20, 1703.

Among the banns published at St. James, Clerkenwell, were those of Christopher Wellcome and Dorothy Richardson, Dec. 25, 1670.

Eleven years later, Jan. 20, 1681, George Mitchell and Mary Welcome were married at St. James Cathedral.

At St. George's Chapel, Hyde Park, corner of Mayfair, Middlesex, England, the marriage of Thomas Robinson and Sarah Wellcom of Stepney, took place Jan. 26, 1749.

On the 22d of January, 1786, Ezra Willcombe and Ann Manning were married at the same place.

Two other marriages there are of interest: that of Alexander Turrell and Jane Willicombe, June 1, 1797, and that of William Mitchell to Mary Willicombe, July 29, 1817.

The oldest English record I have yet found, concerns

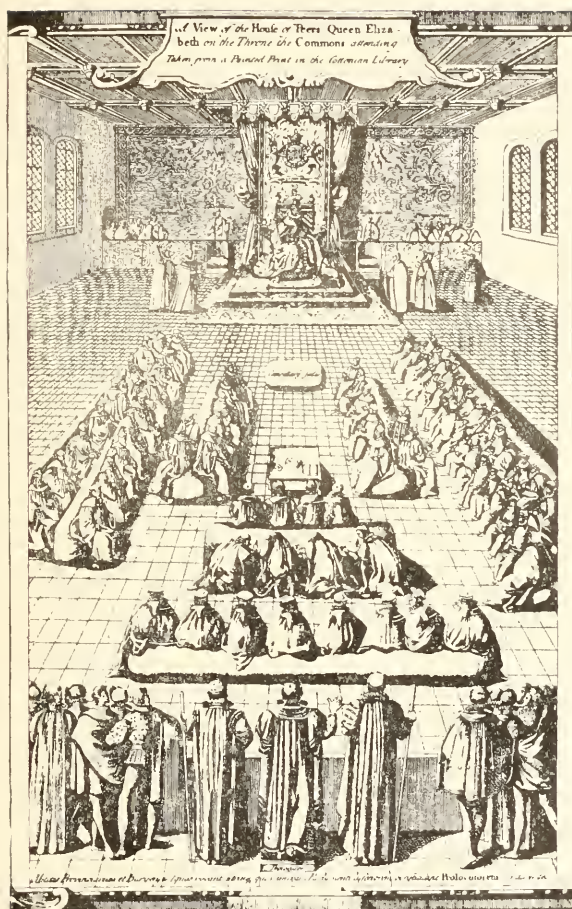
### John Wilcomb, Gent., M.P.

He was of the city of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England, living there as early as 1565, in which year he was named as supervisor of the estate of John Hutchinson, mayor of Lincoln. His wife's name was Anne, a daughter of Gregory Ion, Esq., of Fillingham, County Lincoln, and one of his children, Mary, married into the house of Marbury.

This John Wilcomb, with Thomas Wilson, were the members of Parliament from Lincoln, 1572-1585, (the 14th to 27th years of Queen Elizabeth's reign), a period during which occurred the massacre of St. Bartholomew, the founding of the American settlements, and Drake's circumnavigation of the globe. His associates from County Lincoln were Sir Thomas Cecil, M.P., Sir Edward Dymock, M.P., Sir Henry Clinton, M.P., and Sir William Cecil, created Lord Burleigh, and for forty or more years one of England's foremost men.

In the extreme north-west corner of Devonshire, Eng., on the sea coast, is found the town of Welcombe, but when and why thus named is unknown to the writer.

In the United States there are no fewer than eighteen towns, in as many states, by the name of "Welcome."



PARLIAMENT OF ELIZABETH (1558-1603)



Members of the Willcomb family early found their way to the new world. They seem to have been seafaring people rather than farmers or merchants. The name has been spelled in so many ways that the tracing of the family connection is very difficult. In the Essex County records at Salem the name is spelled in no less than seven different ways.

In New England the earliest record found thus far relates to a

### Peter Wilcomb.

This record states that he was married at Salem, 1665, by Major Hathorne to Mehitabel Hodsden, a daughter of Mr. Nicholas Hodsden, of Kittery. They lived at Salem for a number of years, their connection being largely among seafaring people. Their first three children were born here, the others at Boston. They were

Peter, b., 1666; m.,        d.,

Mehitabel, b., 1667;

Mary, b., June 12, 1670; m., Nov. 15, 1694; d.

Samuel, b., Oct., 1672; d., 1673.

Samuel, b., Dec. 22, 1673;

Joseph, b., 1681; m.,        d., 1726.

About 1671, Boston records speak of him as a mariner living on Orange street, (now Washington). Here he owned land, a shop, dwelling house, wharf, and "flatts and appurtenances." His home was well furnished for the age and he lived very comfortably.

In 1672, the selectmen of Boston sent him a caution in regard to sheltering at his house, "one, John Ryder," a Quaker, who had been driven out of New York. A son, Samuel, was born this year, but soon died.

In December, 1673, another son was born, and also



named Samuel, while in 1681 a son, Joseph, was born. Peter was appointed one of the eight constables of Boston in 1687, and served efficiently and well for at least two years.

His wife, Mehitabel, died in October, 1694.

His daughter Mary was married Nov. 15, 1694, to Peter Townsend, and their children were Mary, Peter, Mehitabel, William and Sarah.

Peter Wilcomb may have been a brother to Richard, of the Isles of Shoals, William of Scituate, and Daniel of Portsmouth, but it is merely conjecture. His death occurred in 1695, and in his will he speaks of his son Joseph, at that time fourteen years of age, as being at sea, and leaving £30 and other property to him if he lives to be of age. The rest of his estate he bequeathed to his son Peter, his daughter Mary, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Howard. The inventory of his estate came to £245. His home was called "Wilcomb's house" as late as 1715.

Another of the early settlers was

### Daniel Wilcomb.

We know but little about him except that he served in Captain Nicholas Paige's troop of thirty-five men, (organized June 27, 1675, to accompany Maj. Thomas Savage in the expedition to Mt. Hope). They took part in the movements there, and were disbanded at Boston Sept. 3, 1675, each soldier receiving £2 for his service.

He was living at Portsmouth in 1687.

His wife, if had one, may have been Sarah, daughter of William Moore, of York, who mentions his daughter-in-law, Sarah Wilcomb, in his will of March 30, 1691.

## William Willcomb

Of Pemaquid, took the "resident's oath," or the oath of allegiance to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1673, a copy of which may be of interest. It read as follows:

### RESIDENT'S OATH, OR OATH OF FIDELITY.

"I do hereby swear and call God to witness that being now an inhabitant within the limits of this jurisdiction of Massachusetts, I do acknowledge myself lawfully subject to the government and authority here established; and do accordingly submit my person, family and estate to be protected, ordered and governed by the laws and constitutions thereof; and do faithfully promise to be from time to time obedient and conformable thereunto, and to the authority of the Governor, and all other magistrates and their successors, and to all laws, orders, sentences and decrees, as now are or shall hereafter be lawfully made, decreed and published by them or their successors. And I will always endeavor, as in duty I am bound, to advance the peace and welfare of this body politic, and I will to my best power and means seek to divert and prevent whatsoever may tend to the ruin or damage thereof, or of the Governor, Deputy Governor, or assistants, or any of their successors. And I will give speedy notice to them or some of them, of any sedition, violent treachery or other hurt or evil, which I shall know, hear, or vehemently suspect to be plotted or intended against them or any of them, or against the said Commonwealth or government established. So help me God."

WILLIAM WILLCOMB.

This was probably the same William to whom was assigned portions of the common lands at Scituate the same year, (1673) and who was killed in the heroic fight at Rehoboth three years later.

He left no family so far as known.

The following is the account of the fight, which took place March 26, 1676.

"In the spring of 1676, the Indians dispersing themselves in small parties through the colonies, were com-

mitting dreadful ravages both in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. They had penetrated as far as Plymouth and had killed a number of the inhabitants.

"On this alarm, Captain Michael Pierce of Scituate, with a force of 63 Englishmen and 20 friendly Indians from Cape Cod, were ordered to pursue the Indians toward Rhode Island. He proceeded without any rencontre



to Seeconk, where he arrived on Saturday, March 25. Hearing of Indians in the vicinity, he immediately went in pursuit, and came to a skirmish with them in which he met with no loss, but judged that he had occasioned considerable to the enemy, but as his force was small, he chose, in order probably to avoid the danger of a surprise in the night, as well as to procure a recruit of men, to retire to the garrison at Seeconk.

"The next morning, Sunday, being joined by several men of Seeconk who acted as guides, he again went out in pursuit of the enemy, and while on their march discovered rambling in an obscure woody place, four or five Indians, who in getting away, halted as if they were lame or wounded.

"Our men had pursued them but a short way when

they found them to be only decoys to draw them into an ambuscade, for on a sudden they discovered about five hundred Indians, who, in very good order, suddenly attacked them, being as readily received by ours, so that the fight began to be very fierce and dubious.

"The enemy had begun to retreat, but so slowly that it scarce deserved that name, when a fresh company of about four hundred Indians came in, so that the English and their few friendly Indians were quite surrounded, beset on every side.

"Yet they made a brave resistance for above two hours, during all of which time they did great execution upon the enemy, whom they kept at a distance and themselves in order, for they formed into a ring and fought back to back and were double distance all in one ring, whilst the Indians were as thick as could stand thirty deep.

"Overpowered by numbers, the captain, fifty-five of his English and ten of his Indian allies were slain, while the number of hostile Indians killed in this battle has been estimated by different historians as from 150 to 300.

The Scituate men killed were:—

Samuel Russell	William Willcomb
Benj. Chittenden	Jeremiah Barstow
John Lothrop	John Ensign
Gershom Dodson	Joseph Cowen
Samuel Pratt	Joseph Perry
Thomas Savary	John Rose
Joseph Wade	Capt. Michael Pierce

The place where the battle was fought is still pointed out. It is between Pawtucket and Valley Falls on the river. It commenced on the east side of the river, but the severest part of the action was on the west, immediately on the bank of the stream.

This was considered one of the bloodiest battles fought in Plymouth Colony during King Philip's War. The historian Drake asserts that the celebrated chief Canonchet commanded the Indians during this engagement, while others claim that King Philip himself guided the Indians. Two days later Rehoboth was burned by them, destroying 40 houses and 30 barns.

### **Richard Willcomb<sup>1</sup>**

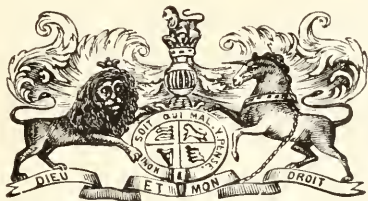
Kept an "ale-house" at the Isles of Shoals as early as 1683. It is not known how much of a family he had or whether he was the father or the brother to

### **Zeccheus Willcomb<sup>2</sup>**

Who also lived at that place about the same time. We have assumed that Richard was Zeccheus' father. The closing year of the seventeenth century witnessed the arrival in Ipswich, Mass., of the three children of this Zeccheus Willcomb of the Isles of Shoals, owing to his death shortly before, which left them orphans.

They were William, Richard and Deborah, born respectively 1687, 1688 and 1690, probably at the Isles of Shoals. Owing to many natural advantages, of which exemption from Indian attack was not the least, the Islands at this period supported quite a population, being a regular point of departure for the great number of European fishing vessels who made regular trips to the wonderful fishing grounds along our coast even at this early date, and the furnishing of supplies to these mariners as well as lodging and refreshment ashore was probably a lucrative business.

On their arrival at Ipswich, then the shire town of Essex County, Henry Spiller, a school teacher, was appointed their guardian. A copy of this appointment reads as follows:—



GUARDIANSHIP ON ESTATE OF WM. WILLCOMB.

Jonathan Corwin, Esq., Judge of Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration within the County of Essex, as also empowered to appoint Guardians to Minors under the age of fourteen years.

Essex County, Massachusetts Bay.

To Henry Spiller, of Ipswich, within the county of Essex, Greeting:

Trusting in your care and fidelity, I do by these presents, ordain, constitute and appoint you to be the guardian unto William Willcomb, son of Zeccheus Willcomb, late of the Isles of Shoals, deceased, being a minor of thirteen years old or thereabouts, and full power to ask, demand and recover lesins and to take into ye hands and custody all and singular, such rents, arrearages of rents, goods and estate whatsoever that doth of right belong and appertain unto the said minor; and to manage, employ and improve the same for the good, education, benefit and advantage of the said minor, and to render a plain and true account of ye said guardianship, upon oath, so far as ye law will charge you therewith, when you shall be lawfully required, and pay and deliver what and so much of said rents, goods and estate as shall appear to be remaining upon your accounts, the same being first examined and allowed of by ye judge or ye judges for the timebeing, of probate of wills, etc., within said county, unto the said minor when he shall arrive at full age, or otherwise as ye judge or judges by his or their decree or sentence pursuant to law, shall limit and appoint.

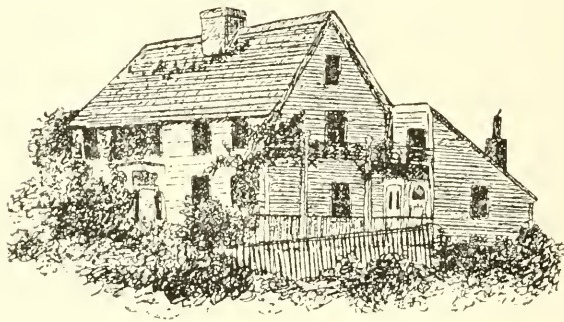
In testimony whereof I have caused ye seal of said office to be hereunto affixed and dated at Ipswich, March 29, 1700, and in ye twelfth year of ye majesty's reign.

JONATHAN CORWIN.

JOHN HIGGINSON, Register.

## William Willcomb<sup>3</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>) Of these three, William, in 1707, then a young man of about twenty, had fallen in love with Charity Dod (or Dodge), was married in October, and set up housekeeping on "the lane leading to Smith's shipyard," where he had bought a house and land of Dea. Nathaniel Knowlton, who was for a long time the town treasurer and a representative for nine years. This place was on what is now Summer street. His neighbors were James Foster, Jacob Foster and Joseph Smith.



THE FOSTER-BURNHAM HOUSE,  
WATER STREET.

Like many of the early settlers, he carried on fishing as part of his means of livelihood, and had stage-flakes on the southerly side of Jeffries' Neck, and adjoining those of Joseph Holland. By industry and frugality he made for himself a comfortable home. He was a member of the First Church, of which Rev. John Rogers, (son of John Rogers, a president of Harvard College,) was then the pastor. Four children were born to him





DONNTON-HOLLAND-HOLMES-DODGE HOUSE.  
BUILT ABOUT 1700. TORN DOWN 1888.  
SUMMER AND NO. MAIN STS.



the date of birth of the eldest (William) being unknown, but he was a sailor and died at Annapolis in 1746.

William, b., 17   ; d., 1746.

Joseph, b., Mar. 11, 1713; m., Feb. 24, 1737; d., 17   .

Sarah, b., Oct. 2, 1715; m., Jan. 11, 1744; d., 17   .

John, b., Nov. 2, 1718; d., Sept. 8, 1729.

William's wife, Charity, died in 1724, and not long after he married a second time, but their married life was short, for the second wife, Rebecca Harris, died Feb. 10, 1726, and he himself Dec. 3 in the same year.

#### WILL OF WILLIAM WILLCOMB.

In the name of God, amen, ye eleventh day of November, Anno Domini, 1726. I, William Willcomb, of Ipswich, in ye county of Essex, in ye province of Massachusetts, fisherman, being sick in body, but of a good and perfect understanding, blessed be God, and knowing it is appointed unto men once to die, do therefore make this, my last will and testament.

First of all, I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently interred therein at the direction of my executor, hereinafter named, hoping through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ for a joyful resurrection, and as for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, all I give and dispose in manner and form as follows:

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son, William, if he returns and lives to be of age, after my just and honest debts are paid and funeral charges are defrayed, a double portion to the rest of my children.

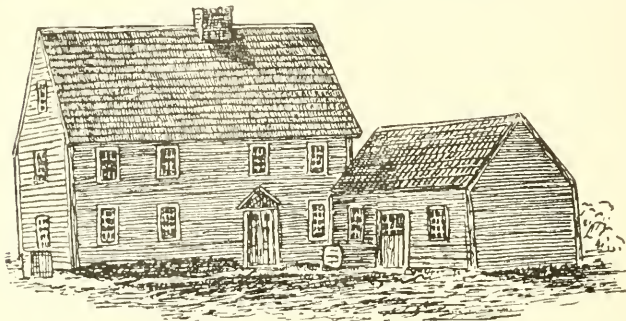
Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph, five pounds over and above my other children, and if it so happen that any of my children die before they come of age, my will is that all my estate shall be settled by indifferent and honest men and an equable dividend be made amongst ye surviving children, and I ordain and constitute my beloved brother, Daniel Smith, Sr., of Ipswich aforesaid, my sole executor of this my last will and testament, as witness my hand and seal this day and year abovesaid.

WILLIAM WILLCOMB.

Signed, sealed and declared by ye William Willcomb  
to be his last will and testament in presence of  
Grace Harris, Debora Smith, J. Staniford, clerk.

The inventory of his estate came to about £300. His daughter, Sarah, was married to Ebenezer Stanwood January 11, 1744, their children being Ebenezer, Ensign John, Sarah, Isaac (grandfather of Mrs. Hon. James G. Blaine and "Gail Hamilton"), Nathaniel and Stephen.

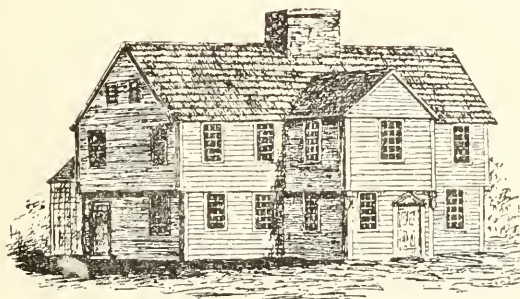
Deborah Willcomb, daughter of Zeccheus Willcomb of the Isles of Shoals, was born in 1688, probably at that place, came to Ipswich in 1700, and during her minority lived in the family of Henry Spiller. In 1721



THE JOHN KNOWLTON HOUSE.

she was married, being the second wife of Daniel Smith, son of Richard Smith, one of the wealthiest of Ipswich early names, who owned and lived upon the farm now in the possession of Mr. Greenwood (1898). Daniel's first wife was Elizabeth Paine, grand-daughter of Robert Paine, (founder of the Ipswich grammar school), and a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Paine. Miss Sarah F. Jewett, of Stratham, N. H., has a Bible, printed in 1729, owned by this Deborah (Willcomb) Smith, who had a daughter Deborah, born in 1725, to whom the Bible descended. This daughter was converted in 1740 at the age of sixteen, during Rev. George Whitefield's

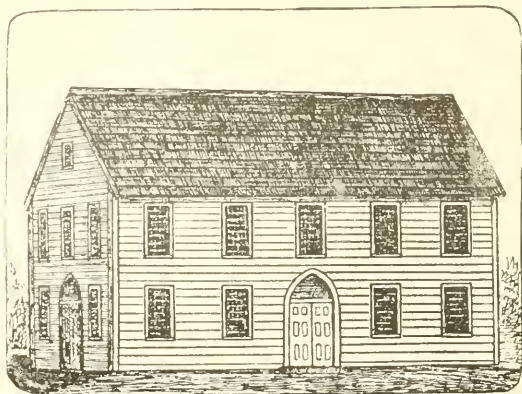
visit to Ipswich. So many came to hear this godly man that the services were held on the hill slope by the North church. An ancient "coat-of-arms of the Smith Family is now owned by Mrs. Abigail (Smith) Sargent. Moses Smith, a son of Deborah's, married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Samuel Wallis, one of the prominent men of Ipswich. Dr. Wallis died in 1728, in his early manhood. The house in which he lived was probably built in 1692.



THE WALLIS HOUSE.

## Richard Willcomb.<sup>3</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> RICHARD<sup>3</sup>) Son of Zeccheus Willcomb of the Isles of Shoals, was born at that place about 1690. Removing to Ipswich with his brother William and sister Deborah in the early part of 1700



SOUTH PARISH MEETING HOUSE.

in consequence of the death of their father, he lived in the home of Henry Spiller until the age of twenty, when he married Elizabeth Hodgkins. Their children were as follows:

Elisabeth, b., Oct. 9, 1712; m., Oct. 16, 1731; d., 17 . .  
 John, b., Apr. 24, 1715; m., Nov. 25, 1738; d., 17 . .  
 Martha, b., Mar. 12, 1716; m., Dec. 12, 1736; d., 17 . .  
 Stephen, b., Aug. 9, 1719; m., Nov. 13, 1739; d., 1783.  
 Zeccheus, b., June 24, 1722; m., 1745; d., 1770.  
 William, b., June 27, 1725; d., 1727.  
 William, b., May 26, 1728; d., 1747.

Several important events occurred in Ipswich during his residence there, probably the most noteworthy being the religious awakening resulting from the preaching of Rev. George Whitefield in 1740, when a hundred persons were added to the church during the winter of 1741-2. Four years later, sixty-eight persons, agreed as a means of composing differences, to become incorporated and erect a meetinghouse on the green, south of the river, and July 22 of the following year the South Church



THE WALLEY-DANA HOUSE.

was formed. Before the year closed their meetinghouse was raised, being 40 feet wide, 60 feet long, and 25 feet stud. About two years after the erection of this building the North Church Society erected a new and substantial edifice, which stood until 1846, when the present one took its place.

Rev. John Walley was the pastor of the new church until 1764, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Dana, D.D., who served it for more than forty years. The house in which they lived stands but a short distance from the meetinghouse, and almost in front of it.

Of Richard's children, Elizabeth was published to David Wells in 1731, Martha was married to John Dennis, Jr., a son of John and Lydia Dennis, in 1736. He was born Nov. 3, 1708, and graduated from Harvard College in 1730. In 1740 he was chaplain at Fort St. George, and at Fort Frederick, 1745-6. He was a member of the First Church at Ipswich and was often employed to preach in the several parishes of that town. He was a teacher of the Grammar School there until 1853, when he left to preach at Charlestown, N. H., where a church was about to be gathered. His death occurred in 1773.

Stephen removed to Salem, Zeccheus to Gloucester and William to Beverly, where he died in 1747.

Richard himself was living in Beverly as late as 1760. At one time he became involved in land disputes, so common at that time owing to conflicting authorities, and was twice fined for contempt of court in failing to appear at the time appointed.

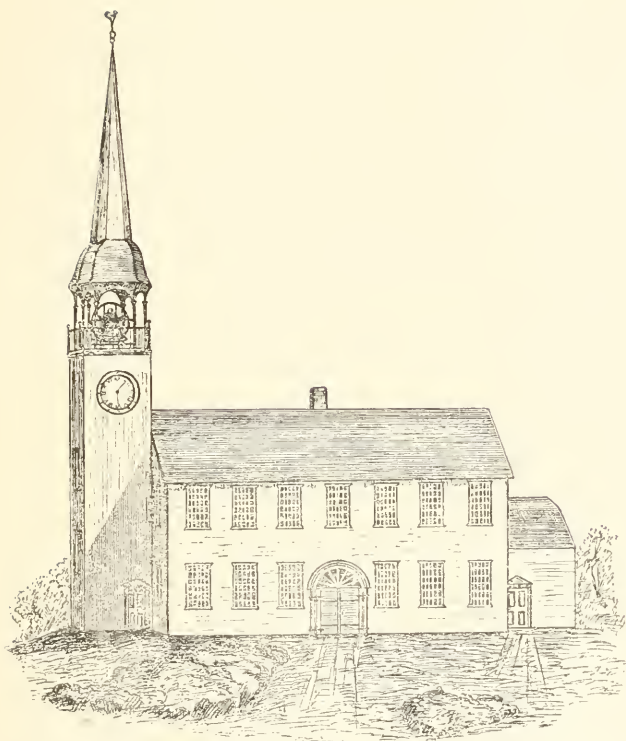
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### Mr. Joseph Willcomb.<sup>+</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH.<sup>4</sup>) Was born at Ipswich, Mass., March 11, 1713, his parents being William and Charity (Dodge) Willcomb. His early life was spent much like that of other boys of his time. He often accompanied his father on his fishing trips, and early learned the sailor's calling.

When but thirteen years of age his father died, leaving four children, one of whom, William, was away on a fishing voyage when this event occurred. Joseph came into possession of the greater part of his father's property soon after he became of age. It seems that a distaste





NORTH MEETING-HOUSE. 1749-1846.

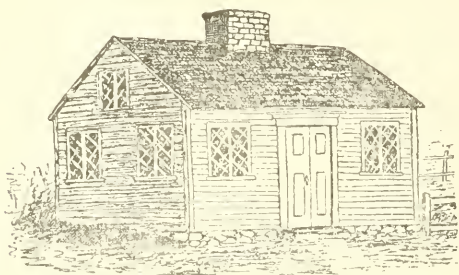


for the hardships and privations of the sailor's life led him to choose the trade of a "taylor" at which he prospered.

January 20th, 1720, was marked by the death of Nehemiah Jewett, one of the most prominent men in Ipswich as also in New England, a man who had served sixteen years as Representative, and was for three years Speaker of the House. Four years later another prominent citizen passed away, Samuel Appleton, who had commanded a regiment in the expedition against Canada in 1690, and was a Representative four years.

In 1737 Joseph was married to Miss Sarah Lord. A few months previous he had sold the place on the "lane leading to Smith's ship-yard" to John Hovey for £155, and soon after bought or built the house known to us as the "old homestead" on High street, then the aristocratic street of the town, two governors of Massachusetts having in former years chosen it for their residence, as well as many other men of prominence in the early days of our Commonwealth. For about a century and a half this old dwelling has been the home of the Willcomb family. As we visit this comfortable, roomy house nestling beneath the sheltering care of "Town Hill," it speaks of peace and security. Its massive chimney tells of days when from backlog and forestick the leaping flames filled the huge fireplaces, flashed from the polished andirons, and spread light and warmth through the house. The unequal roof, sloping down to the first floor behind, the low studded rooms, the small windows, the immense beams and quaintly carved mouldings, all tell a tale of an age that is past. In front, an elm tree several feet in diameter at the base, throws its mighty limbs over it in loving protection

alike from summer heat and wintry storm, while around its roots the children romp and play as of yore. On either side stand two other old houses, one the home of the Blake family, the other that of the Newmans and the Harrises. In this home Joseph Willcomb and his young wife began their short but happy married life. Here he lived until his removal to Amesbury, when he



ONE OF THE IPSWICH HOUSES.

sold the place to his oldest son, Capt. Joseph Willcomb. The deed conveying this estate is now in the possession of Mrs. William Willcomb, a copy of which may be of interest.

Four children blessed his marriage. They were :

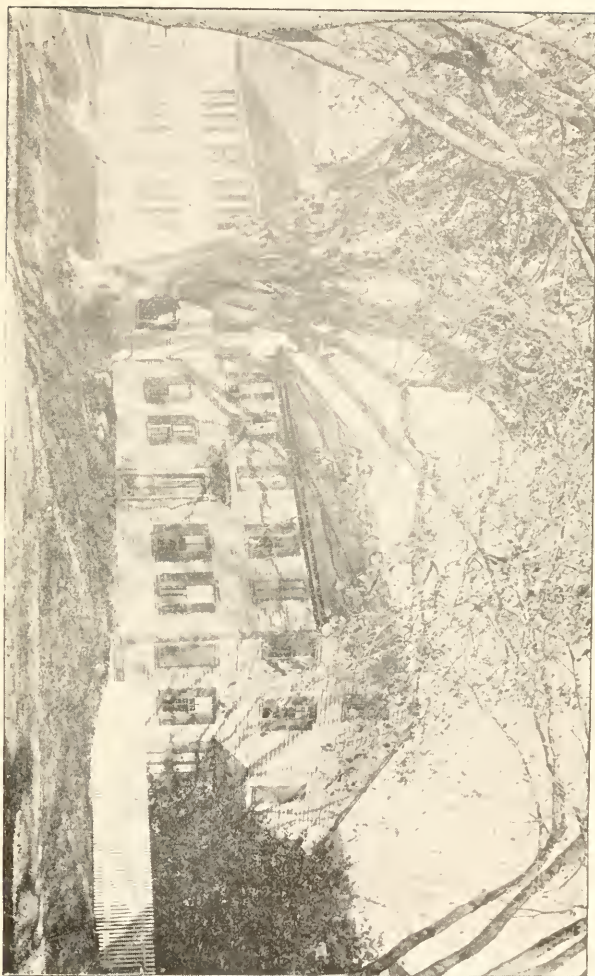
Joseph, b. Dec. 23, 1739; m., July 25, 1765; d., Mar. 20, 1776.

William, b., Feb. 13, 1742; m., 17   ; d., 1785.

Mary, b., July 13, 1745;

He was now known as "Mr." Willcomb. This title was applied to captains and mates of vessels; to military captains; to eminent merchants; to schoolmasters, doctors, magistrates and clergymen; to persons who had received a second degree at college and who had been made freemen. The wives of such individuals were called

THE WILLCOMB HOMESTEAD, HIGH STREET, IPSWICH.





## DEED OF THE WILLCOMB HOMESTEAD.

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE, THAT we, Joseph Willcomb of Ipswich, in ye county of Essex, Taylor, with Anna my wife, who doth hereby give up her right of dowry in ye premises, hereafter conveyed, and

For and in consideration of the sum of one hun 'red and fifty pounds, lawful currency to us in hand before the ensaling hereof, well and truly paid by our son Capt. Joseph Willcomb, Jr., of ye same Ipswich, mariner, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and ourselves therewith fully satisfied and contented, and thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit and discharge him, said Joseph Willcomb, Jr., his heirs, executors, and administrators, forever by these presents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed; and by these presents, do fully, freely and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, aliene, convey and confirm, unto him, the said Joseph Willcomb, Jr., his heirs and assigns forever.

A certain messuage, consisting of a dwelling house and barn laying in Ipswich, aforesaid, with a'bout three-quarters of an acre adjoining, be ye same more or less, bounded as follows, viz.; Southeasterly on ye county road, northwesterly on land of Samuel Lord, Jr., northeasterly on land belonging to ye heirs of Thos. Berry, Esq., deceased; south-easterly on land of Samuel Newman, to the county road of first mentioned bounds.

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises, with all the appurtenances, privileges, and commodities, to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, to him, the said Joseph Willcomb, Jr., his heirs and assigns forever. \* \* \* \* \*

As witness our hand and seal this fifth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven.

JOSEPH WILLCOMB.

ANNA WILLCOMB.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Daniel Giddings,

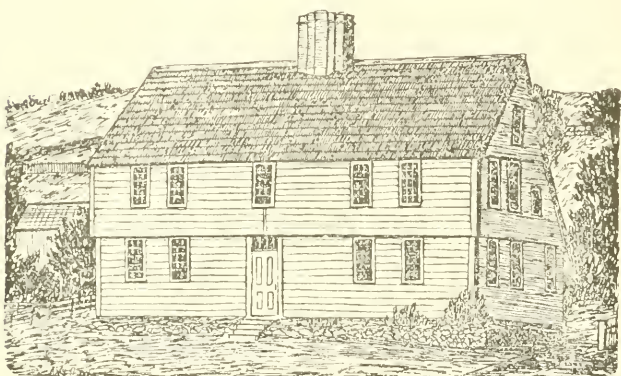
Nathaniel Warner.

Before Aaron Potter, Justice of the Peace.

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"Mrs." and to be deprived of this address was deemed a serious degradation. The usual appellation of adults who were not "Mr." or "Mrs.," was "Goodman" or "Goodwife" before their respective surnames.

In September, 1739, he was called to mourn the loss of one of his friends and neighbors, Col. John Wainwright, an able man, a Representative for sixteen years and Clerk of the House for eight years. Ten days later



WHERE THE WAINWRIGHTS LIVED.

Col. John Appleton died. He had been Representative in 1697, a member of the Governor's Council for about twenty-five years, and twenty years Judge of Probate. Both were a great loss to the town.

Another of Mr. Willcomb's neighbors was the Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, pastor of the North Church, who lived in the spacious mansion he had built in 1728, now remembered as the home of Nathaniel Lord, Jr., so long a Register of Probate. Still nearer lived Maj. Thos. Berry, another well-known citizen of Ipswich.



His wife, Sarah, died in 1751. The next year he was married again, this time to Mrs. Anne Warner, a daughter of Colonel Moses and Merriam (Currier) Titcomb of Newbury. Six children were born of this second marriage.

Moses, b., Aug. 19, 1753; m., Mar. 19, 1776; d.,

Anna, b., Sept. 21, 1755; d., 175 .

Nicholas, b., Apr. 2, 1758;

Anna, b., Mar. 9, 1760;

Daniel, Apr. 4, 1762;

Aaron, b., May 5, 1765; m., ———; d., 1845.



ANOTHER OLD HOUSE.

Joseph's father-in-law, Col. Titcomb, was by trade a blacksmith, and a man of gigantic strength. In 1747 he was appointed to command troops at Falmouth (now Portland). He did effective service at the siege of Louisburg, being in command of the last battery erected there, called "Titcomb's battery," which comprised five 42-pounders, and "did as great execution as any." He was killed at the battle of Lake George, in 1755, being shot by an Indian, one of a party who had gained the rear of his regiment unperceived.

Shortly after he sold the homestead to his son, Capt. Joseph, he moved to Amesbury with the younger por-

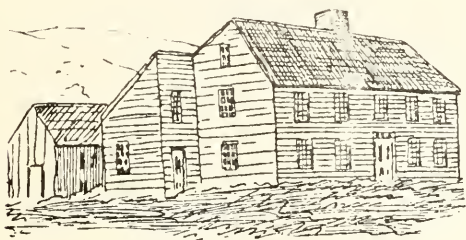
tion of his family and thus began the movement northward that in the succeeding century resulted in members of the Willcomb family spreading over Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

In 1769 he sold to his brother-in-law, Capt. Nicholas Tracy, mariner, of Newburyport, a tract of land of about twelve acres, and a year later also sold to him his wife's third of the estate of Nathaniel Warner, being a house and land in Newburyport.

Whether he moved elsewhere or died at Amesbury we have not as yet discovered, but think he moved into New Hampshire.

## Capt. Joseph Willcomb<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>)  
Was the eldest son of Mr. Joseph and Sarah (Lord) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., December 23, 1739. When he was about five years old the town was visited by a series of severe earthquakes, which considerably frightened the inhabitants. The same year war was begun with France. His boyish eyes must have



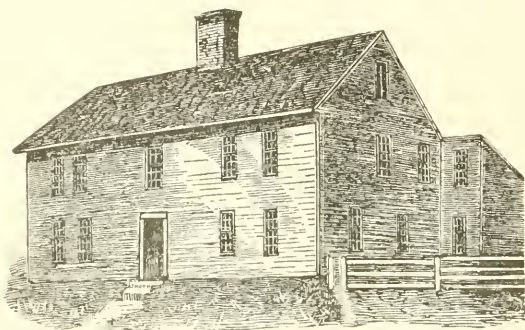
FARM HOUSE AT CASTLE HILL.

watched with much interest the building of the two meetinghouses, one in 1747, the other in 1749. At this time there were no less than sixty slaves owned in the town. Ipswich was now well settled, though wolves, bears and deer had not entirely disappeared, and much land remained to be cultivated.

To the young lad there was no occupation which offered so alluring an inducement of large pecuniary returns for small capital as the fisheries and commerce. The river teemed with salmon, shad and alewives in

enormous quantities in their season. The bay was a never failing source of revenue, while the clam flats then as now made a certain livelihood. Life ashore offered little in comparison, and it is not strange that like many another he chose the sea. A century and a half ago the wharves along the Ipswich river presented a far busier scene than they do in these days of swift and easy transit on land by steam and electricity.

In the 23d year of his age an event of unusual interest occurred, the passing of the first stage from Ipswich to



WHERE THE CALDWELLS LIVED

Boston. The following year (1763), the passage of the famous "Stamp Act" created great excitement and indignation among the good people of Ipswich.

Another event of far more interest to the town was the building of the Choate Bridge, so named in honor of Col. John Choate. This is claimed to be the first stone arched bridge in America. Col. Choate's death took place two years later. He had been a Representative for fifteen years, and had held many other offices of public trust.



WHARF ON THE IPSWICH RIVER.



In 1765, Joseph was married to Mrs. Sarah Treadwell, and during the following decade five children were born to them. They were:

Sarah, b., July 11, 1766; m., July 10, 1785; d.,

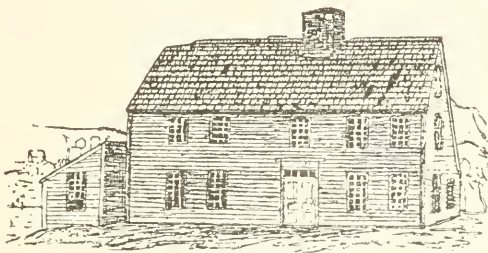
Joseph, b., Jan. 31, 1768; d., 1788.

William, b., July 29, 1769; m., 1789; d., Apr. 21, 1809.

Mary, b., Apr. 23, 1775; m., Dec. 23, 1795; d., Sept. 18, 1843.

Hannah, b., May 15, 1771; m., Sept. 15, 1793; d., Jan. 1, 1852.

In August, 1767, Joseph, now with the title of "Captain," bought the homestead on High street from his father, Mr. Joseph Willcomb, Sr., for £150, who subsequently moved to Amesbury.



THE OLD HOVEY HOUSE AT IPSWICH.

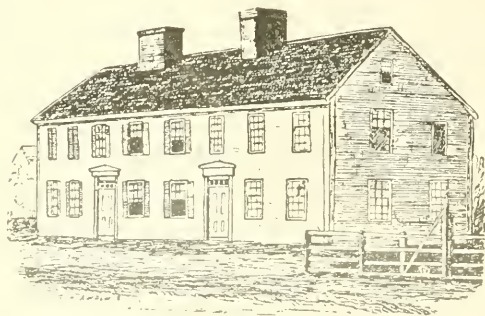
His eldest daughter, Sarah, married Anni Smith in 1785, a well known citizen of Ipswich. Her death took place ten years later, she dying in 1795.

The eldest son, Joseph, a bright promising boy, early accompanied his father on a number of voyages, but the young life was suddenly cut off just as he was entering into manhood. While on a vessel in the Ipswich river he accidentally fell from the shrouds, striking on the deck, and was instantly killed.

Of the other children, Hannah was married in 1793 to Jeremiah Ross, who had done faithful service in the

struggle for independence. She outlived her husband a number of years, death claiming her in 1852, in her 81st year. She lived just over the Choate bridge on the south side of the Ipswich river in the house known familiarly as the Treadwell tavern.

Her sister, Mary, married Joseph L. Ross in 1789. Among their descendants may be mentioned their grandson, Joseph Ross, who has built hundreds of bridges



THE OLD SHATSWELL HOUSE ON HIGH STREET.

in this vicinity and elsewhere, among which is the big bridge connecting Somerville with Boston. Her death took place in 1843.

The closing years of Capt. Joseph Willcomb's life were marked by the stirring events which culminated in the Revolutionary war. The town, as ever, thoroughly patriotic, voted £100 for the relief of Boston in 1774. It cheered and inspired Arnold's expedition as it marched through her streets on its way to Canada. Michael Farley was appointed a delegate to the Provincial Congress. A town watch was ordered by the town, two men were to keep watch on Castle hill to give notice if the enemy came by water to seize sheep and cattle.

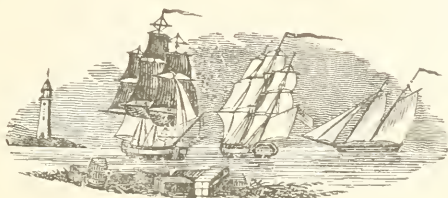




WHERE HANNAH (WILLCOMB) ROSS LIVED.



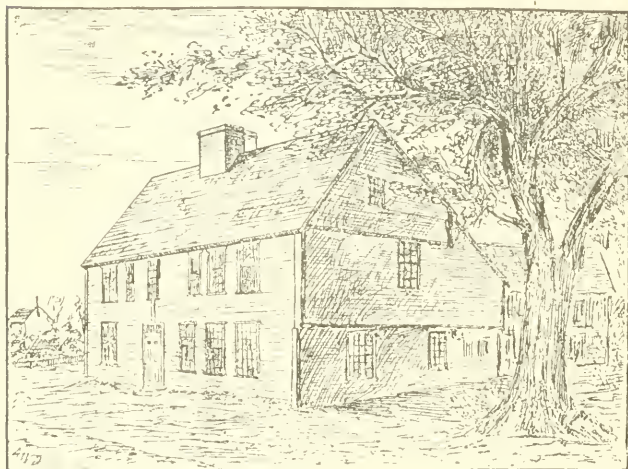
to be lighted if they came by night, and if by day a flag was to be raised. Meetings for military discipline were held in a building adjoining the Town House, and the people nerved themselves for the struggle they felt was inevitable. March 20, 1776, on the very eve of the conflict the spirit of Capt. Joseph Willcomb was called from the scenes of earth.



### Capt. William Willcomb<sup>6</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>) Was the second son of Capt. Joseph and Mrs. Sarah (Treadwell) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., the 29th of July, 1769. By the death of his father in 1776 he was left amid the troublous days of the Revolution to fight his own way in life with only such help as a loving and wise mother could give. Too young to be of service to his country, his was the lot of a spectator amid the great events of that period. Within a month of the day when his father was laid to rest in the High street burying ground the thrilling news from Lexington reached Ipswich, and like hounds slipped from leash her men sprang to the defence of their countrymen. Able and brave men they were, too. There was Colonel Nathaniel Wade, who, as Captain of the Ipswich Minute Men took part in the battle

of Bunker hill, distinguishing himself as an active, patriotic, brave and faithful officer as colonel of a regiment, and later serving for 21 successive years as Representative. There was Col. Joseph Hodgkins, who succeeded Col. Wade in the command of the Middle Essex Reg't., another brave and active officer. He lived and died in the house shown on this page. There was Gen. Michael



WHERE COL. JOSEPH HODGKINS LIVED.

Farley, Ipswich's representative to the Provincial Congress and later major general of a brigade. He was very active in complying with the levies of the government for men, provisions and clothing. Three of his sons were also in the army. His wife, who was Elizabeth Choate of Chebacco, helped her 16-year old boy put on his equipments, and charged him, saying, "Behave like a man." In the garret of her house was a quan-

THE WILLCOMB FAMILY



CAPT. WM. WILLCOMB.



REV. JOSEPH DANA, D. D.



COL. JOSEPH HODGRINS.



COL. NATHANIEL WADE.



tity of ammunition, and when a regiment was to be supplied, she filled every man's powder horn with her own hands. There was Colonel Isaac Dodge, one of the Committee of Correspondence, and very active in promoting the welfare of our country. Hon. Stephen Choate was another member of this committee, a Representative from '76 to '79, and later twice elected to the Senate. Colonel Jonathan Cogswell, a Representative in '76, and later years, also commanded a regiment. Nor should we forget Major Joseph Swasey and the 300 other Ipswich patriots who served their country so faithfully and well.

Nor should we ignore those who died in service: Thomas E. Cole, Jonathan Cogswell, 3d, William Goodhue, Joseph Marshall, Joseph Lufkin, Jeremiah White, Joseph Burnham, James Rust, Stephen Kent, Jonathan and Israel Andrews, Abraham and Isaac Jones, Nathaniel Emerson, and the colored soldier, Abijah Story.

June 10, 1776, the town "Voted that the Representatives be instructed, if the Continental Congress should, for the safety of the Colonies, declare them independent of Great Britain, the inhabitants here will solemnly pledge their lives and fortunes to support them in the measure."

After the 17th of July printed copies of the Declaration of Independence were read on Sabbath afternoons at the close of public worship in all the parishes.

In such a community, and with two of his uncles serving in the revolutionary army, we can imagine the interest Joseph took in the varying fortunes of that momentous conflict.

With the close of the war, taste and inclination led him to choose the mariner's dangerous life. Beginning

with the small boats and fishing smacks, his ability soon placed him in command of a vessel. At this time trade with the West Indies was in its palmy days. Many were the trips taken to Cuba, Hayti and Jamaica. The return cargo was generally sugar, rum, molasses and tropical fruits. His ventures were usually profitable.

On May 19, 1780, he witnessed a most strange and peculiar phenomenon. Darkness came on like that of an eclipse. At nine o'clock in the morning persons could not see to weave. Candles were lighted at dinner time. Cattle lowed and fowls went to roost. The darkness of the succeeding evening was almost palpable. Many of the townspeople feared the end of all things had come.

Thirteen years later he witnessed a terrible tempest of hail and rain. Hailstones measuring seven inches in circumference were noted, averaging nearly the size of a hen's egg. They broke down flax, corn and other grain, stripped fruit trees, and destroyed about 5000 squares of glass in the main part of the town.

In January, 1789, he was married to one of his neighbors' daughters, Miss Susanna Lord, whose father was Daniel Lord. She had two sisters, Lydia and Catharine, and two brothers, William and Daniel.

Capt. Willcomb's children were seven, as follows:

Susannah, b., 1789; m., Dec. 21, 1809; d., 1815.

Mary, b., 1795; d., Feb. 19, 1821.

Two daughters, died 1795, 1796.

William, b., Sept. 8, 1797; m., Aug. 16, 1827; d., Oct. 3, 1852.

Sarah, b., 1800; died Jan. 25, 1822.

Joseph, b., Sept. 30, 1801; m., 1825; d., May 19, 1876.

Daniel L., b., July 8, 1804; m., April 5, 1827; d., Oct. 7, 1867.

To illustrate the style of living a century ago we insert here a very interesting inventory of his estate made after Capt. Willcomb's death in 1809.



THE WILLCOMB FAMILY



CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILLCOMB.

Born 1769.

Died 1809.

INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF CAPT. WM. WILLCOMB.  
IPSWICH, MASS., APRIL 21, 1809.

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Dwelling house, out-houses, and about two acres of land adjoining . . . . .	\$3350 00
About — rods of land purchased of George W. Sawyer, and adjoining land of Widow Mary Thorndike . . . . .	135 00
About one and a half acres of wood land at Waddles' Neck, so called . . . . .	140 00
One chamber and garret in the east end of the dwelling house of Nathaniel Treadwell . . . . .	150 00
One floor pew in the Rev. Mr. Kimball's Meeting-house, in Ipswich, No. — . . . . .	150 00
One-half a pew in the gallery of the Rev. Doc. Dana's Meeting-house in Ipswich, No. — . . . . .	8 00
One eighteenth of the schooner, "William Henry" and cargo	349 68
19 hogsheads of sugar containing 195 cwt. at \$9 00 . . . . .	1755 00
5 casks of coffee containing 2500 lbs. at 27c. . . . .	675 00
Notes of seven different persons considered good . . . . .	1483 42
11 quintals of codfish, . . . . .	33 00
2 shotes, one new milch cow, one cow . . . . .	44 00
Bank bills and specie . . . . .	513 30
1 gilt frame looking glass, 1 sofa with covering . . . . .	43 00
2 mahogany lolling chairs with covering . . . . .	20 00
7 mahogany hair bottom chairs, 2 mahogany card tables . . . . .	30 00
1 pair brass andirons, shovel, tongs and hook, 1 hearth brush . . . . .	10 00
1 floor carpet in west room, 1 hearth carpet, 2 entry carpets . . . . .	36 50
1 stair carpet with brass rods, 1 carpet in west chamber, . . . . .	13 00
1 easy chair with covering, 6 bed chamber chairs, . . . . .	18 00
1 dressing glass, 1 toilet table and trimming . . . . .	11 50
1 wash stand with bowl and pitcher, 1 feather bed and bolster . . . . .	24 00
1 wax figure, 1 four-post bedstead, underbed and cord . . . . .	6 00
1 suite copperplate curtains and counterpane with cornish for bed . . . . .	15 00
3 copperplate window curtains for west chamber . . . . .	2 00
1 bureau, 1 mahogany chamber table, 6 white chamber chairs . . . . .	17 00
1 mahogany framed chamber looking glass, 1 cot and bed jack . . . . .	3 75
1 white chamber rocking chair with cushion . . . . .	1 50
1 pair chamber brass andirons, shovel and tongs . . . . .	6 00
1 field bedstead, white curtains, underbed and cord . . . . .	7 00
1 feather bed, bolster and two pillows, 1 small bed and bolster . . . . .	19 00

1 low post bedstead, underbed and cord, 1 camp bedstead	3 50
1 feather bed, bolster, 2 pillows, press bedstead and underbed	16 00
2 old feather beds, bolsters, pillows, trundle bed and underbed	14 00
1 Irish patchwork bed quilt, 12 bed quilts, Irish patchwork	17 50
6 blankets, 1 counterpane, pair blankets, 13 pair cotton sheets	28 75
9 pair tow sheets, 3 dozen pillow cases, 9 table cloths	24 25
1 trunk, 36 towels, 1 piece carpeting, 1 small pine table	4 26
7 common dark chairs, 1 maple table, 1 old chest	4 25
1 cloths stand, 1 pair small iron dogs, 1 dining table	13 34
1 mahogany framed looking glass, 2 Pembroke tables	18 50
1 sideboard, 1 sofa with covering, 1 light stand	36 50
1 floor carpet for east room, 10 green chairs,	14 00
1 pair brass andirons, shovel and tongs, with hooks	7 00
1 pair bellows and hearth brush, 1 small Dutch liquor case	3 00
2 japanned trays and three waiters	2 75
1 cotton umbrella and three window curtains	75
3 pair decanters, 9 pair tumblers, 2 dozen wine glasses	6 50
1 pair salts and vinegar cruets, 3 pairs pitchers	2 25
1 plated castor, and pair candlesticks, teapot and cream pitcher	5 75
1 tea set and coffee, doz. knives and forks with carver	6 50
1 japanned tray, 2 snuffer trays, and three trays	1 00
2 silver watches, and about 20 ounces of silver	41 56
2 pair snuffers, 3 clothes brushes, 2 pencil cases	85
2 surtout coats, 3 blue and 1 brown cloth coats	22 00
2 pair cloth pantaloons, 5 woolen waistcoats, 7 pr. smallclothes	16 00
2 thin coats, 10 thin waistcoats, 10 pair thin pantaloons	17 67
5 pair linen drawers, 2 loose gowns and small counterpane	4 16
5 pocket handkerchiefs, 2 pair braces, 3 pair silk hose	4 75
2 pair gloves, tobacco box, 2 check shirts, 7 pair woolen hose	3 15
4 woolen and 5 flannel waistcoats, 5 pair flannel drawers	3 25
1 pair trousers, 13 neck handkerchiefs, 12 pair cotton hose	9 50
3 hats, 25 linen shirts, 1 small quilt, 1 oil proof	41 05
2 pistols, powder, horn and shot, 2 Hadley's quadrants	18 00
2 guns, sword and accoutrements, case razors, shaving box, etc.	8 95
2 pair boots, 1 pair galoshes, 3 pair shoes	7 50
1 scale and dividers, spike, gimlet and marking iron	70
1 1-2 lbs twine, 3 canes, 1 spyglass, 2 chests, 3 baskets	8 51
1 portable writing desk, 3 pocket and 1 memorandum books	6 50
1 watch string, segar case and 2 penknives	50
1 pair fire buckets and bag, 1 small bible and hymn book	5 00

1 "Practical Navigator" and one "Coast Pilot,"	-	1 25
1 Wattle's Arithmetic and lot of old books, small vise		3 50
5 time glasses and box with vials, 2 stone jugs, basket, bottles		2 00
1 shaving glass, 16 panes glass, 4 demijohns, 1 case syrup		7 59
1 case syrup, part of barrel Gauber salts, 1 entry lamp		13 50
2 brass candlesticks, kitchen andirons, shovel, tongs and bellows		3 00
1 pair flatirons, warming pan, walnut desk, doz. kitchen chairs		5 25
2 chairs, table and light stand, small looking glass, tin kitchens		4 20
1 copper stew pan, 1 brass kettle, tin ware, 28 earthen dishes		9 75
4 dozen earthen plates, bowls, cups, saucers and pitchers		2 00
8 dozen junk bottles, kitchen knives and forks, meal chest		4 75
3 iron kettles, 2 iron pots, 1 Dutch oven, 1 spider, 2 skillets		4 25
1 iron tea kettle, 2 small copper tea kettles, 1 brass skimmer		2 00
1 pair steelyards, gridiron, toaster and chaffing dish, pair scales		2 33
1 scale and iron finder, 1 bread trough and churn	-	1 57
1 coffee mill and mortar, 9 earthen pans, 5 pots, 1 glue pot		1 45
2 clothes horses, 3 meal bags, brush and broom, 3 wash tubs		1 50
1 old chest, 1 empty gin case, 8 gin cases with bottles		6 40
3 baskets with bottles, 2 rum puncheons, 1 empty tub, 2 kegs		4 10
4 empty barrels, 10 empty flour barrels, quantity soap, potatoes		5 53
3 barrels of pork, barrel of cider, 3 empty barrels, cabin bell		15 20
1 ironmiler, old iron, iron rakes, iron bars, 2 pitchforks, 3 hoes		3 25
1 spade, hay hook, axe, shovel, woodhorse, hand saw, shovel		2 61

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Total amount, - - \$9628 60



WHERE CAPT. WILLIAM WILLCOMB LIVED. (HIGH ST.)



Of Capt. Willcomb's daughters, the eldest, Susannah, was married to John Howard Dodge, Dec. 21, 1809, her death taking place six years later.

In 1799, Capt. Willcomb bought for his mother, then living in the old homestead, the chamber over the front lower room, she having sold all but her dower in 1777, the year following her husband's death. The homestead was then also occupied by Nathaniel Treadwell, mariner, and his wife Elizabeth.

He lived for some time in the house on High Street shown on the preceding page, and since occupied by the naturalist Oakes and later by J. M. Bradbury. At the present time the place is owned by the Ascension Memorial Church Society.

In the fall of 1808, he bought of Dr. Nathaniel Smith for \$3300, the estate on the corner of East and North Main streets. On the same day he bought a house lot of Mary Thorndike and about two acres of land of Dr. John Manning, at Wadleigh's Neck, all of which seems to indicate a prosperous voyage that season.

After his death in the spring of the following year, his widow returned to the old homestead.

In 1824 she sold to the trustees of the Methodist Church Society:—Daniel B. Lord, Daniel Lord, Aaron Treadwell, Jr., Charles Dodge and Aaron Wait, a lot of land 153x64, and by Christmas day the Methodist church was erected. It was built 40x50, with galleries, and cost about \$2000. This edifice stood at the head of North Main street, where the residence of Harry B. Brown, superintendent of the Ipswich Mills, now stands.

Her death took place in 1838.

## Capt. William Willcomb<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup>) Was the eldest son of Capt. William and Susannah (Lord) Willcomb, and was born



CAPT. WM. WILLCOMB.

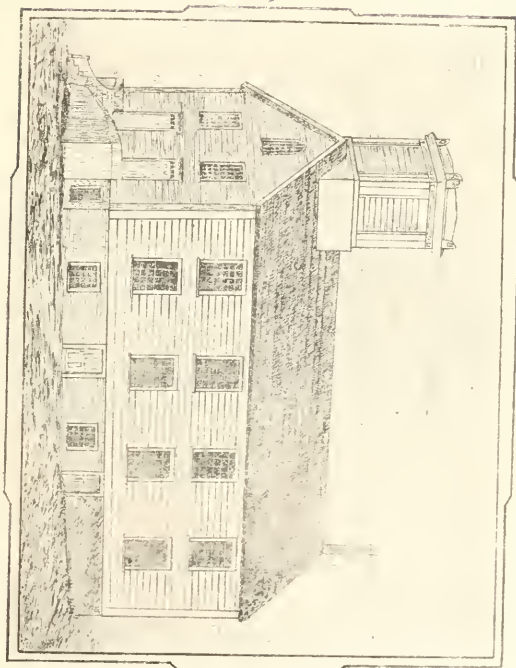
in Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 7, 1797, the year the frigate "Constitution" was launched at Easton. The only picture we have of him was one he had made in 1835, at Harlingen, in the Netherlands, painted in colors on horn enclosed in a frame and glass protected. The accompanying cut was taken from this likeness.

When he was but twelve years old his father died, leaving his widow and six small children to fight the battle of life as best they might. Like his father he was a sailor, and was early master of a vessel, sailing to European and Mediterranean ports.

It is said that one of his vessels was formerly a slaver and not much better than a pirate. Captured and confiscated by the government, the vessel was put up at auction to be sold. For various reasons there were almost no bidders. Fear of recapture by former owners, of being fired upon by men-of-war on the lookout for such craft,



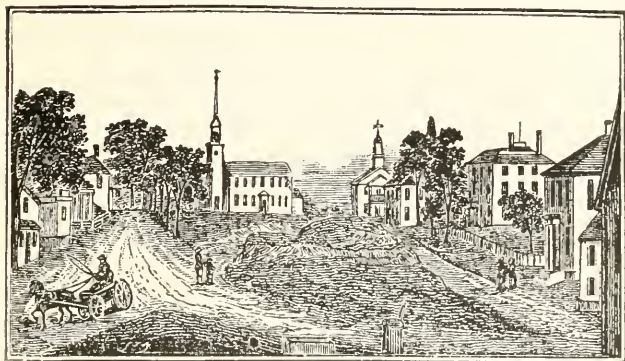
THE OLD METHODIST MEETING HOUSE





or the odium and superstition attached to such vessels, deterred them from bidding. Capt. Willcomb was too brave and fearless to let such reasons have any weight with him. He got the vessel, assumed command, and made several successful trips. His fearlessness of danger is well illustrated by the following incident :

In 1846, a young man, William C. Knox, twenty-two years of age, was attacked with the most malignant form



MEETINGHOUSE HILL, SHOWING COURT HOUSE, CHURCH,  
DR. MANNING'S HOUSE, ETC., IN 1839.

of black small pox. At his death he was a mass of putrefaction. Such was the fear and dread of the disease that no one could be found to bury him. Late at night Capt. Nathaniel Scott, then selectman, called up Capt. Willcomb, and wanted to know if he would bury the body. The captain dressed at once and went to the place where the remains lay. Wrapping up the corpse he placed it in a blanket, carried it to the graveyard, and buried it. He then went to the doctor, was vaccinated, and underwent a severe form of varioloid. The captain never had the

small pox. It was a courageous act for a man with four little children and wife dependant upon him.

He was married August 16, 1827, by Parson Kimball, to Sarah Sweet, a daughter of Aaron Sweet, and a sister of Louise Sweet, who had married D. L. Willcomb four months previous. Capt. Willcomb had six children:—

William Augustus, b., May 26, 1828; d., Aug. 25, 1835.

John Edward, b., July 3, 1831; d., Jan. 27, 1832.

John Sweet, b., Oct. 7, 1833; d., July 15, 1858.

William, b., Feb. 11, 1836; m., Sept. 23, 1860.

Sarah Sweet, b., July 12, 1838; d., Mar. 27, 1859.

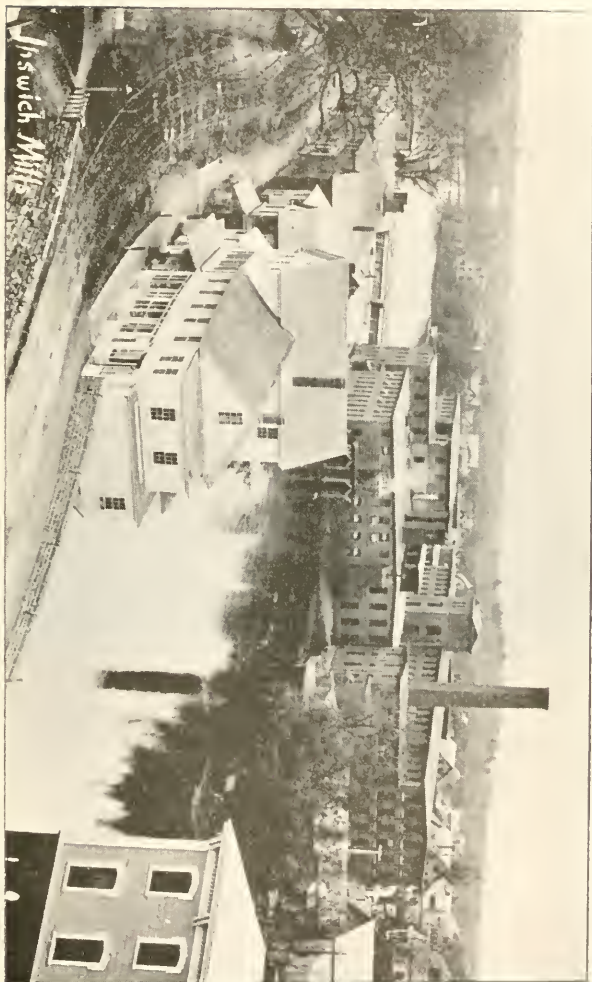
Susan Dodge, b., Oct. 10, 1840; d., Sept. 23, 1858.

Of these children, two died in childhood, and three died of consumption between Sept., '58, and March, '59.

In 1836, the captain resigned his position and retired from the sailor's life, feeling that he could care for his family better at some calling which would not take him away so much. He opened a ship chandler's store on the lower wharf, and kept outfits and supplies for vessels. He still owned a small schooner, the Seabird, in which he made short coasting trips.

Hanging in the dining room of his grandson, Oliver Clifton Willcomb of Lynn, is a handsome picture of one of his vessels, the "Wizard" of Boston. This trim and speedy craft was built at Essex in 1832, and was seventy-four feet long, nearly nineteen feet broad, and 105 tons capacity. The picture was taken the following year by a foreign artist and shows the vessel entering the port of Smyrna, Asia Minor.

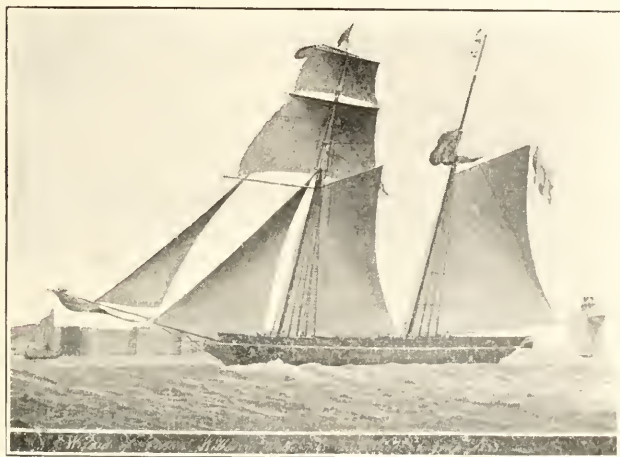
In 1847 occurred the wreck of the ship Falconer on Ipswich bar. The news quickly reached the town. All who could hurried to the beach, but too late to save any one. Eighteen bodies came ashore and were laid out in



THE IPSWICH MILLS, SOUTH MAIN ST., CHOATE BRIDGE, ETC., FROM THE SEMINARY



the town hall. The entire population and people for miles around came to view them. Capt. Willcomb and others bought the wreck and tore it to pieces. The captain took the iron from it and loaded it aboard his schooner Seabird. Early one Monday morning he set sail for Boston to dispose of it. His son, William, Jr.,



"WIZARD" OF BOSTON, WM. WILLCOMB, COMMANDER.

accompanied him. Before they had rounded Cape Ann, a fog arose that completely shut out all view of the land. The compass refused to work properly owing to the mass of iron aboard. It was impossible to see fifty feet in any direction.

As the best plan they anchored and waited for the fog to lift. Evening came on and the two passed a very uncomfortable night, not daring to sleep for fear of being run down by some other vessel. In the morning things were no better. The fog hung over them like a

pall. The sea was like glass. The day passed like the preceding one. The night came and went, and the next day and night passed ere the fog lifted. Hungry, thirsty, almost exhausted from cold and lack of sleep, they reached Coffin's beach, Essex, after five days of fog and calm. This experience may have had some influence on William, Jr.'s choice of a peaceful, storekeeper's life.

When the captain gave up his life as mariner in 1836, he retained one companion of his voyages, an old ship's gun, weighing about half a ton, with a bore large enough to thrust one's arm into, and every old resident became familiar with the "Willcomb gun." Largely used at local celebrations it was indispensable June 17, July 4, and at election time. When President Polk and Sec'y Buchanan visited Ipswich in 1847, the old gun fired the presidential salute from the hill back of the town on their arrival. They came from Newburyport about noon and were met by a delegation of citizens, among whom were Daniel L., and Capt. Wm. Willcomb, Stephen Coburn, A. D. Wait, and others. The President was escorted to the portico of the house of Capt. John Lord, where he made a short address, followed by remarks by Secretary Buchanan. All the ground in front of the house and what is now Depot square was packed with people, who, irrespective of party, turned out to welcome them.

The Stephen Coburn, mentioned above, was one of the best known citizens of Ipswich, being postmaster of Ipswich from 1823 to 1860, thirty-seven years, and the owner of Coburn's Block, which stood on the site of the lace factory until it was destroyed by fire, when it was replaced by Caldwell's Block. Mr. Coburn was a graduate of Middlebury College in 1819, a teacher for seven years, and in 1825 was teacher of the Ipswich grammar school.





COBURN'S BLOCK, THE MILL, AND BRIDGE.



Later Capt. Willcomb opened a store on High street, adjoining his house, where he sold groceries for a number of years. He died in 1852, aged fifty-five, and was buried on the hillside in the High street burying ground. His widow survived him thirteen years, living with her son, William, in the old homestead on High street, and dying March 22, 1865, aged 68 years.



STEPHEN COBURN.

Capt. Willcomb was a charter member of the first Masonic Lodge in Ipswich. His framed certificate of membership hung in the lodge room forty-one years after his death, when it was destroyed in the fire of 1894. He was an attendant of the North church, the Willcomb pew being the second from the door on the left of the broad aisle.

On one of his voyages to the West Indies, he took

a fancy to an eleven-year-old boy named Antoine de Leon, brought him home with him, gave him an education, and considered him as one of the family. The lad was smart and bright, learned readily, and at nineteen was master of a vessel. He entered the navy, held positions of acting master and ensign, served through the war, and received an honorable discharge. He had his name changed to Charles Leon Willcomb, married L. Maria Hazeltine in 1849, and their children were :

Everill F. H. b., Apr. 11, 1850; d., Feb. 14, 1852.

Belle L. b., June 19, 1852; d., Aug. 18, 1866.

Charles L. b., Sept. 27, 1854; d., Aug. 9, 1883.

Nelson G. b., Oct. 21, 1856; m., 187 ;

Helen D. b., Dec. 7, 1864; d., Aug. 20, 1884.

His death took place at sea in 1871. His widow died and was buried at Ipswich in 1886.

## William Willcomb<sup>s</sup>

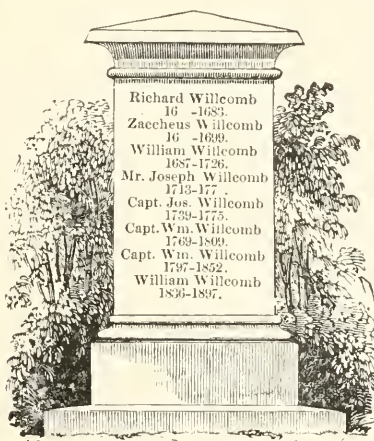
(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup>) was born at Ipswich, Mass., in the old Willcomb homestead on High street, Feb. 11, 1836. He was the fourth son of Capt. William and Sarah [Sweet] Willcomb. During the period of his boyhood many changes occurred in the town. The Methodist church was twice enlarged, the old South meeting-house was dedicated, the almshouse was built of brick, the Eastern Railroad was extended through to Ipswich, the house of correction was enlarged and built of brick, a county hospital was built for the chronic insane and the Unitarian church bought by the town for a town house.



WILLIAM WILLCOMB AT FIFTY.



When eleven years of age he entered the employ of Edward Plouff, who was then running a tannery on "Turkey Shore," his duty being to grind bark, horse power being used. He worked here nearly three years, attending school winters, his teachers being T. B. Ross and John Warner, after which time Mr. Plouff's failure in business threw him out of work. The next year he entered the employ of Jacob Chase, a painter, of Lynn,



EIGHT GENERATIONS.

who lived on Nahant street. A year later found him at Roxbury in the employ of F. W. Heintz, a wholesale confectioner and caterer, with whom he stayed until his twentieth year, enjoying the confidence and friendship of his employer.

At this time his health was poor, owing to the indoor confinement, and catching the "Western fever" he started for Chicago, Ill., then but a small town. On his arrival

there he joined a party of lumbermen who were about to enter the woods on the other shore of Lake Michigan, about sixty miles away. He stayed with them about a year, gaining rapidly in health and strength, when he came home to get the rest of his belongings, intending to take up a permanent residence in the West.

Shortly after his return to the Michigan woods, the company failed, and the men had to tramp back to Chicago, where he worked in a store for a short time. While here a letter reached him telling of the serious illness of his brother John at home. He immediately started for home, but was taken with a severe attack of lung fever on the way which lasted six weeks. When he finally reached home, his brother was dead and buried.

In the spring of 1860 he engaged two rooms in the old county court house at Ipswich, and opened a wholesale and retail candy store. At that time the building stood about where the Methodist parsonage now does. In September, he was married by Rev. C. L. Eastman, the Methodist minister, to Miss Laura Parkhurst Underhill, one of the daughters of Oliver and Catharine (Parkhurst) Underhill, who lived on the county road near the Hamilton line and next to the Appleton farms.

She was a school teacher, preceptress of Conway Academy, Mass., in 1854-6, of which her brother, John W. Underhill, A.B., was principal. Among the pupils at the Academy were Henry M. Whitney and his brother, William C. Whitney, ex-Secretary of the Navy, and many others now filling honorable positions in life.

Their children were:—

Willbur Howard, b., June 19, 1863; m., Aug. 27, 1883; d., 1889.

Nellie Louetta, b., July 11, 1865; d., 1865.

Oliver Clifton, b., Aug. 18, 1866; m., Oct. 21, 1887; living.

Carrie, b., May 28, 1876; m., Nov. 4, 1896; living.



The next year, 1861, the business was moved up on "Meetinghouse Green," two doors from the Agawam House, where a store was fitted up in the dwelling house belonging to the Kimball estate. This house is shown in the picture below on the extreme left. By strict attention to business, unfailing courtesy and a carefully selected line of general merchandise of which ice cream and confectionery formed no small part, a profitable trade was built up which lasted for over thirty years in



NORTH MAIN STREET, IPSWICH.

spite of all competitors, and only failing health and the severe strain of long hours induced him to sell out in 1890. Among the clerks who aided in the success of his business were Miss Margie A. Harris, (25 years of faithful service), Augusta Sayward, Miss Sophie Nurse, Miss Phebe Tozer, and last but far from least, the able and untiring help of his wife.

Realizing the value of an education he encouraged his children to obtain the best the town offered, and two of

them, Clifton and Carrie, graduated from the Manning High School, the former in '83 and the latter in '93, after which she took a course in the Teachers Training School at Newburyport, and later marrying Angus I. Savory of Ipswich, in 1896.

Mr. Willcomb took as much interest in the various organizations and societies of the town as his business would permit. He, with James Estes, James Peatfield, Elijah Vose, Abram D. Wait, Jabez Mann, John Perkins, Reuben Daniels, J. W. Bond, Zenas Cushing and others, instituted the Ipswich Fruit Growers' Association about 1866, which grew until among its members were enumerated about 150 interested in the culture of fruit. It is said one reason the interest declined in the annual fairs of the association was "William Willcomb, Reuben Daniels and John Perkins carried off all the prizes." He was also a member of the Essex Agricultural Society, often serving on one or more of its committees as well as carrying off premiums on fruit. Hundreds of barrels of pears have been shipped to Boston from his orchard on County street, at prices which his posterity dream of but seldom see. He was also a member of Agawam Lodge, I. O. O. F., for upward of thirty years.

In April, 1884, he was elected one of the trustees of the Ipswich savings bank, which position he held at the time of his death in 1897.

In politics Mr. Willcomb was a Republican, and well known in Essex County, but never an office seeker, preferring the quiet of his home to public life.

He early became a member of the Methodist society, where he was honored by election to the responsible duties of treasurer fifteen years later, April 13, '74. This position he faithfully filled for twenty years, when he

METHODIST CHURCH, OLD FELLOWS HALL, POST OFFICE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY, IPSWICH.



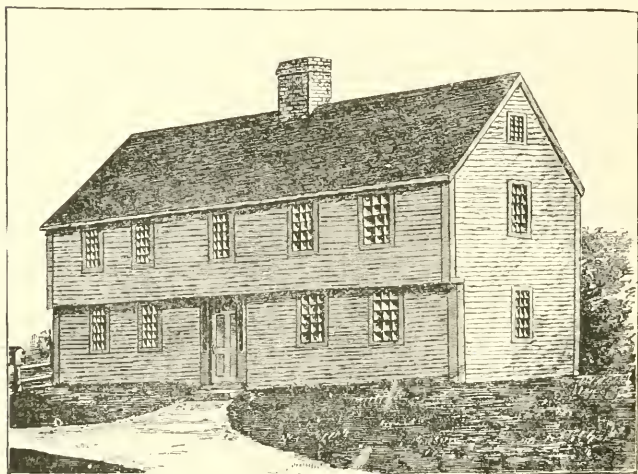


felt its cares were too heavy in his state of health, and resigned Sept. 1, 1894. At the following Christmas festival at the church his services to the society were recognized in the following manner:—

“Following this came the presentation of an elegant gold watch, chain and pendant, to Mr. William Willcomb, who has served the church so faithfully as treasurer for over twenty years. It is well known that because of poor health Mr. Willcomb felt obliged to resign his position some three months ago, and it seemed to be the enthusiastic desire of every one to whom the matter was mentioned to recognize his faithful service in some substantial way. This thought shaped itself under the leadership of the pastor and others interested in the matter in the form of a gold watch, and there seemed to be no lack of willing and generous contributions, towards that end. Rev. Mr. Smiley, among other words of praise, said that of few men was it so frequently said as of Mr. Willcomb that he was “the best man in town” and then went on to say in substance that few men have ever handled the finances of a church so skilfully and without complaint as has Mr. Willcomb in these years. Over fifty thousand dollars has passed through his hands in this time without the loss of a cent and every pastor has received his salary promptly by check every two weeks whether there was sufficient church money on hand or not. Of few churches can it be said there is such fidelity to its honest obligations. Because of this, while members of the church and congregation were contributing, some of the former pastors of the church begged the privilege of being represented in the testimonial and the beautiful chain and pendant is the result of their special offerings. The watch represents one-tenth of a thousand dollars. The case is a heavy one of solid gold, and the movement is one of the best of the Waltham make. Upon the inside cover is beautifully engraved these words: ‘Presented to Mr. William Willcomb, Twenty Years Treasurer of the Methodist Church, Ipswich, Mass., Christmas, 1894, from Members and Friends.’ A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Willcomb, a very worthy helpmeet.”

Confined as were the cares of his home and business he nevertheless found time occasionally to take a trip

away to various other places of interest. In 1876 he visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. In 1881, with his wife, he visited Chicago and scenes of his early manhood; in '82 it was trip to the Hoosac Mountains; the year following it was to the White Mountains; in '84 he visited Bar Harbor with Hon. Frederick Willcomb, calling on their friend, Hon. James G. Blaine;



THE DAWSON-HOWARD HOUSE, IPSWICH.

the next year saw a very pleasant trip to Mt. Kearsarge. Several years beheld a few days' sojourn at Moosehead Lake and vicinity. In '89 he was present at the Harrison inauguration in Washington. In the summer of '91, he, with his wife and daughter, spent some weeks traveling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Two years later, with his son Clifton, he visited Niagara Falls, Chicago,

the "World's Fair," Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other smaller places.

The historic old Dawson-Howard house on Prospect street was owned by him for a number of years, in company with Hon. Frederick Willcomb, and is now owned by their heirs.

In 1878 a change of residence occurred, and the old homestead on High street was vacated for more commodious quarters on County street, the estate directly



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM WILLCOMB, IPSWICH.

opposite the Ascension Memorial Church having been purchased by his wife a short time previous. In this house he lived and here he died.

July 26, 1895, Mr. Willcomb had a shock of paralysis, rendering nearly useless his right side, from which he was slowly recovering, when he was taken with another the following year, from which he rallied, but



in a more feeble condition. A final attack came April 26, 1897, when he peacefully passed away. The Ipswich correspondent of the *Salem Gazette*, a lifelong friend, summed up his character in that paper as follows:—

"He was a man of spotless life, of unblemished reputation, of noble unselfishness, of tender sympathies: self controlled, yet not self conscious nor self righteous—indeed, self seemed to enter very little into his thoughts. He was a man to honor, to lean upon with confidence and to serve with pleasure. He was a lover of God's great out-door world, and since retiring from business some of his happiest hours have been spent in his garden and orchard, where he seemed to be familiar with all growing things. He has been emphatically a self-made and well-made man. At his retirement from active business life some six years ago he stood among the foremost in town. As a business man his honor and integrity were unimpeachable: as a citizen he was held in high esteem: as a friend he was looked up to with reverence: as a Christian he has lived a quiet, consistent life whose influence has been felt through all the channels of church work."

The funeral services, held in the Methodist Church, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Durgin, pastor of the church, assisted by former pastors Rev. John Galbraith of Boston, and Rev. F. A. Allen of Leominster. Agawam Lodge conducted the Odd Fellows' burial service, and the body was laid to rest in the High St. Cemetery, and there he sleeps with his kindred gone before.





## Oliver Clifton Willcomb<sup>9</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> OLIVER CLIFTON<sup>9</sup>)  
Was the second son of William and Laura P. (Underhill) Willcomb, and was born in the old Willcomb homestead

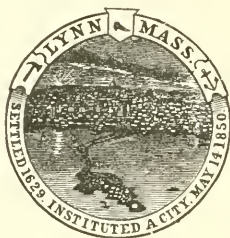


OLIVER C. WILLCOMB

on High Street, Ipswich, Mass., August 18, 1866. He passed through the successive grades in the public schools of the town, his teachers being Miss Susie Archer, Miss L. A. Perkins, Miss Abbie M. Fellows, Joseph I. Horton and Profs. Martin L. Fiske and George N. Cross, the two last being principals of the Manning High School, Miss Martha F. Rice,

assistant. He graduated in the class of '83, the other members being Herbert L. Ehrlacher, Lewis Hovey, James W. Cummings, Hattie M. Copp, Anna M. Russell, Sadie P. Russell, Eva A. Willcomb and Sarah Worcester. In the September following, he entered the office of the *Ipswich Chronicle*, then conducted by I. J. Potter, and after completing a three years' apprenticeship, was promoted to foremanship on the *Amesbury & Salisbury Villager*, and six months later assisted in starting the *Newburyport Daily News*, remaining there until the summer of '87, when he entered into partnership with Charles W. Hilton, of Manchester, N. H., to do general

job printing in that city. While here, he was married at Ipswich by Rev. John Galbraith to Miss Annie E. Emerson, a native of Bathurst, N. B., October 21, 1887. and the youngest of a family of twelve children, all of whom were living in March, 1902.



Their Manchester home was on the corner of Myrtle and Chestnut streets, and about a year later the printing business proving unprofitable, he sold out to his partner, and removed to Lynn, entering the employ of M. A. Leger & Co., printers, where he remained about a year, then working with the firm of Wells & Kellum, 125 Market street, who were succeeded by Luther C. Parker & Co. in 1890, and with whom he has since remained as foreman.

During this time but one child was born to them,

William Holt, b., Mar. 31, 1892; living.

Mr. Willcomb early united with the Methodist society and heartily engaged in the work of the various branches of that denomination. He also became a member of Kearsarge Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Lynn Y. M. C. A. Congress, the Warren Debating Club and other organizations.

**William Holt Willcomb<sup>10</sup>**

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> OLIVER CLIFTON,<sup>9</sup> WILLIAM<sup>10</sup>) was born at 68 High Rock Street, Lynn, Mass., March 31, 1892, and is the son of Oliver Clifton and Annie E. (Emerson) Willcomb. For the past four years he has been attending the Lynn Public schools. He was named for his paternal grandfather and the Rev. Frank M. Holt, pastor of the Essex Street Baptist Church in Lynn, who was for a number of years a member of his parents' home.

## Wilbur Howard Willcomb.<sup>9</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> WILBUR HOWARD<sup>9</sup>) Was the elder son of William and Laura P. (Underhill) Willcomb and was born in the old homestead, Ipswich, June 19, 1863. He early entered the public schools, Miss Walton, Miss Fellows, J. I. Horton and Prof. Fisk being teachers in the successive schools he attended.

At the age of 17 he left school to accept a position with the house of Brown, Durrell & Co., of Boston, wholesale dealers in small wares, and remained about five years in their employ.

During his early manhood he developed pronounced musical tastes, being trained in singing by Miss Laura Hubbard, a well known music teacher, and by George H. Remele of the noted Ruggles St. Church Quartette. For some time he was a member of the male chorus of that church, as well as a hired singer at the City Point prison, Boston, and later served two years as chorister of the Methodist church choir in Ipswich.

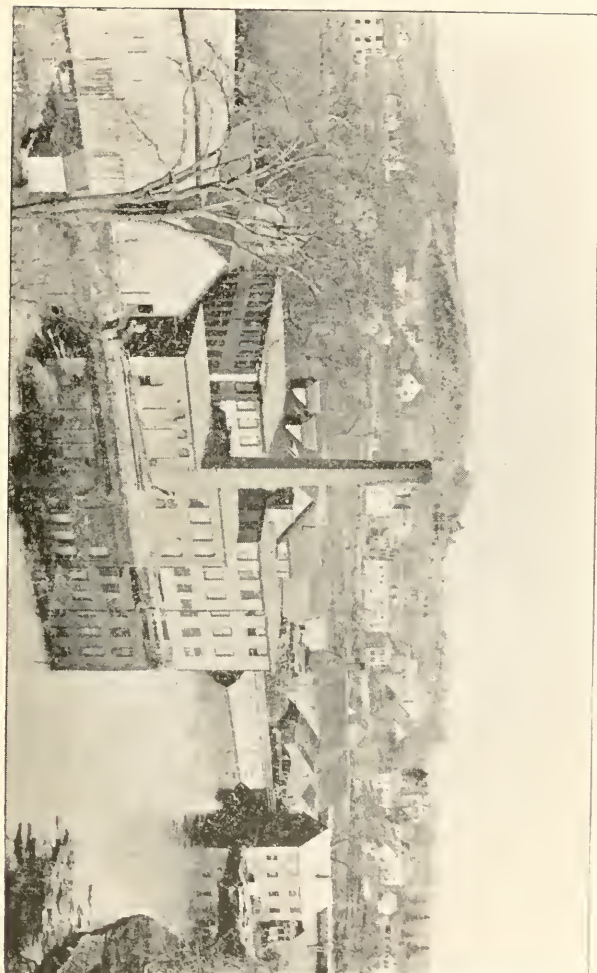
At the age of twenty-one he was married to Mabelle G. Ordway, a daughter of Henry L. Ordway, superintendent of the Ipswich Woolen Mills for about twenty years. Their children were :

Roland Howard, b., Nov. 30, 1884; living.

William Leroy, b., Mar. 3, 1886; d., Mar. 16, 1889.

One of his prominent traits was a strong love for fishing and gunning, spending many a day far up the

THE IPSWICH WOOLEN MILLS, IPSWICH, MASS.





Ipswich river with his brother, engaged in luring the slender pickerel from their lair among the grasses and lily pads. With his mates he often might be found at high tide in swimming back of the old mill at the lower dam. On one occasion, having come out of the water and being half dressed, he was startled by a splash in the water and a moment later saw that a boy had slipped and fallen from the high stone wall on which the mill rested, and was gasping and struggling for life in the deep water. Without hesitation he jumped into the water and brought him safe to land. Some days later he was surprised to receive a handsome silver watch, inscribed

*W. Howard Willcomb,  
in grateful remembrance of  
his heroic act in rescuing  
James B. Pickett  
at Ipswich, Mass.,  
Aug. 21, 1878.*

In the fall of '85, with his family and brother, he was spending a few weeks' vacation at Centre Ossipee, and while out gunning one day, his gun accidentally slipped from his grasp, and he, making a grab, caught it by the muzzle just as the gun was discharged, the entire load of duck shot passing through his right wrist, necessitating amputation of the hand.

Shortly after this event he was employed for a short time on the *Boston Record*, later opening a dry goods store at Ipswich.

His death took place Jan. 31, 1889. Two years later his widow married George H. Dexter, a photographer.

## Roland Howard Willcomb<sup>10</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>8</sup> WILBUR HOWARD,<sup>9</sup> ROLAND HOWARD<sup>10</sup>) Was the eldest son of W. Howard and Mabel (Ordway) Willcomb, and was born in Ipswich, Mass., November 30, 1884. He was educated in the public schools of that town, graduating from the Manning High School in June, 1902.



IPSWICH TOWN SEAL.

He has lived for a number of years on School street, a short distance from the "South Green," one of the many attractive spots of Ipswich. In the picture shown on the opposite page appears the South Congregational church, of which the Rev. T. Frank Waters has been pastor for upwards of twenty years.

In front of the church now stands a commemorative tablet of much historic interest.





THE SOUTH CHURCH AND COMMON, IPSWICH.



## John Willcomb.<sup>4</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> RICHARD,<sup>3</sup> JOHN,<sup>4</sup>) Was the eldest son of Richard and Elizabeth (Hodgkins) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., in April, 1715. Concerning his occupation and early life we know nothing. It is very probable that he was a farmer, or he may have been simply a farm laborer.

His nineteenth year was marked by the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the town,



and about a decade later the war with France created a very lively interest, especially the capture of Louisburg by the New England forces.

He was married in the latter part of 1738, his intention of marriage being published Nov. 25th of that year. His wife was Hannah Blye, and the date of her death is recorded in the Ipswich records as occurring July 5, 1758.

We have found no entries there as to their children, if they had any.

His own death occurred at Ipswich, Nov. 9, 1765, in his 51st year.

## Daniel Lord Willcomb <sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL L.,<sup>7</sup>) Was the youngest child of Capt. William and Susannah (Lord) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., July 8, 1804.

His twentieth year was made memorable by the visit of General Lafayette to Ipswich. In the same year the Methodist society was incorporated, two years later the Sunday School was formed. In 1860 the present edifice was erected. Mr. Willcomb is well remembered for his hearty interest in this society, especially in the prayer meetings.

In 1837 Mr. Willcomb served as constable of Ipswich. He was a custom house officer in 1838, 1843 and in 1855.

Ipswich wharves were busy places in his early manhood, no fewer than twenty-five vessels being enrolled at the Ipswich Custom House. About this time the privilege of catching shad and alewives was let at \$1 a barrel. On an average 350 barrels were caught in the river each year.

He learned the wheelwright's trade and for a number of years carried on the business on North Main street, near the corner of East street, Ipswich. Afterward he opened a store on East street, and after moving twice, settled on the corner of what is now Willcomb's square, in the building now occupied by his son, Lewis E. Willcomb.



THE METHODIST CHURCH, IPSWICH.



For a number of years he kept this store, selling a great variety of articles, such as groceries, dry goods, confectionery, hardware, lumber, etc. Among other things he instituted and carried on an express business between Ipswich and Boston, and which was continued by his son, Henry P. Willcomb, for many years.



THE TREADWELL HOUSE IPSWICH.

In 1846 Mr. Willcomb owned a wharf, buildings and land on the road leading to Jeffries' Neck.

One of the prominent Ipswich houses which passed away during his lifetime was the old Treadwell house, on Meeting-house green. It stood about where the Public Library now does, the above engraving, which we present through the courtesy of Miss Lottie Coburn, showing the house and also the old Probate building.

He was married April 5, 1827, to Miss Louisa Sweet,

a daughter of Aaron Sweet, who resided on the lower end of what is now Summer street. Eight boys and two girls were born to them.

Daniel, b., Feb. 24, 1828; d., May 1, 1863.

Mary L., b., Nov. 30, 1829; m., Mar. 5, 1855;

Frederick, Nov. 29, 1831; m., 1856, 1863, 1890; d., Nov. 21, '01.

George, b., Jan. 4, 1834; m., ———; living.

Charles S., b., Apr. 11, 1837; m., June 28, 1878; living.

Lewis E., b., Apr. 3, 1839; m., Apr. 20, 1864; living.

Henry P., b., Apr. 7, 1844; m., 1863, 1881, 1902; living.

Edward S., b., Nov. 8, 1848; m., Sept. 3, 1874; living.

Harriet, b., Nov. 10, 1841; m., Oct. 23, 1862; living.

Edward S., b., Sept. 1847; d., 1848.

His son Daniel, went to California in a Salem ship in 1849, and died at San Jose of consumption, in 1863.

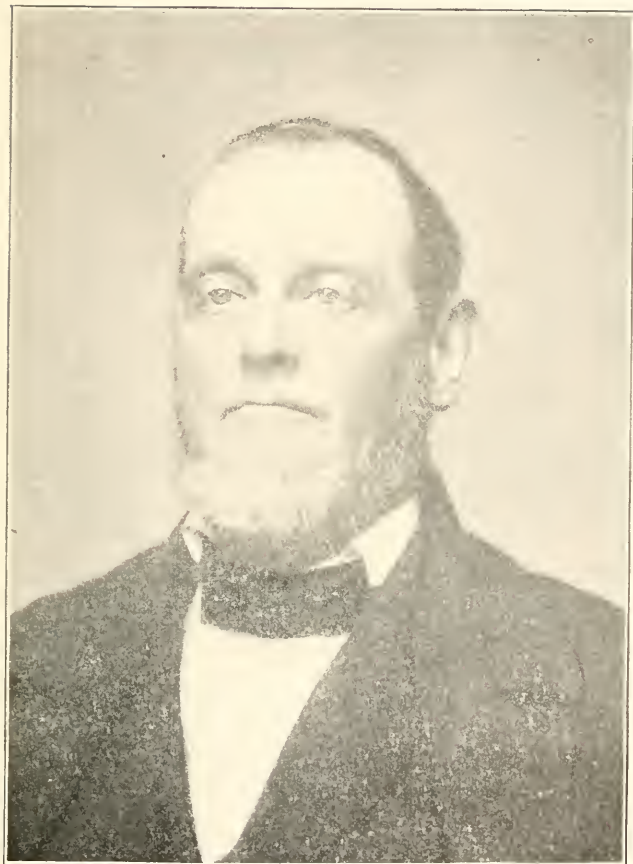
Mary Louise, one of the daughters, married Andrew Lowe, March 5, 1855, and for many years lived on the "South Side" in Ipswich. She had three daughters. After her husband's death in 1901 she changed her residence to High street, opposite the burying ground.

The other daughter, Harriet, was married to D. M. Tyler, Oct. 23, 1862. Her son, Prof. Harry W., is now secretary of the Mass. Institute of Technology, and her daughter, Emily, has been for a number of years a very successful school teacher.

He died at Ipswich, Mass., October 7, 1867, of liver trouble, in his sixty-third year.







DANIEL LORD WILLCOMB.



## Hon. Frederick Willcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL LORD,<sup>7</sup> FREDERICK<sup>8</sup>) Was the second son of Daniel L. and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb, and was born in Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 29, 1831, three years before the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town.

Educated in the public schools, in his early manhood he succeeded his father in the grocery and provision business, which he continued for about twenty years, when he was succeeded by his brother, Lewis E., who has carried it on up to the present time.

His whole life, it may be said, has been spent in his native town, though many have been the trips to other places in connection with his various business and political enterprises in Ipswich and Boston, as well as the pleasure outings of which he was so fond.

For four consecutive years (1861-1865) he held office as one of the three selectmen of Ipswich during the dark days of the Civil War, when the loyal old town so nobly sent her men and money to preserve our Union. His associates were Aaron Cogswell, Joseph Cogswell, Joseph Ross and Richard T. Dodge. It has been estimated that every other man in the town enlisted to support the Government in that life and death struggle, and the duties of that period were both arduous and constant, demanding energy, ability and courage. We insert here a list of Ipswich volunteers in grateful tribute to their memory, and picture of the monument erected in their honor by their fellow citizens.

## Ipswich Volunteers, '61-'65.

Ipswich sent three hundred and forty-eight men to the war. The following list includes a number of soldiers who became permanent residents of this town after the close of the Rebellion.

J. L. Akerman	W. L. Bugbee	Albert Fish	C. H. Howe
Calvin Andrews	Abram. Burnham	C. W. Fish	Leonard Howe
C. O. Andrews	N. F. Burnham	William Fiske	Levi L. Howe
D. H. Andrews	Wm. Burnham	Joseph Flagg	Theodore Howe
E. A. Andrews	Alonzo Butler	Henry Forbes	W. P. Howe
G. N. Andrews	John F. Butler	Jonathan F. Foss	E. A. Howes
I. M. Andrews	Pierce Butler	E. K. Foster	John Hubbard
J. J. Andrews	George Buzzell	S. L. Foster	Edw. G. Hull
L. B. Andrews	Isaac Buzzell	S. P. Foster	James Hull
P. A. Andrews	Thos. Caiferv	T. E. Foster	John Hull
James Appleton	J. G. Caldwell	Walter C. Foster	V. G. Hurd
S. D. Atkinson	William Callahan	Eben E. Fowler	Geo. W. Irving
E. P. Averill	James W. Capwell	John J. Fowler	L. H. Irving
W. W. Averill	Patrick H. Carr	J. W. Fowler	W. Irving
Amasa P. Bailey	William Cash	John Galbraith	Henry B. Jewett
John Bailey	N. W. Chambers	Thos. Galbraith	John H. Jewett
Oliver A. Bailey	Jos. H. Chaniel	M. Goodhue	John J. Jewett
Charles H. Baker	W. A. Chaplin	N. Goodhue, Jr.	L. T. Jewett
C. W. Baker	C. H. Chapman	Geo. W. Goodwin	T. L. Jewett, Jr.
G. H. Baker	Moses Chapman	Sylv. Goodwin	Wm. H. Jewett
Geo. W. Baker	Thos. T. Chapman	James Gordon	Joseph Johnson
John R. Baker	J. W. Cheever	James W. Goss	Nath'l Johnson
S. H. Baker	James A. Clark	William Gray	Celesta Kederack
C. W. Bamford	J. F. G. Clark	G. F. Grant	Jos. E. Kimball
George Barker	John W. Clark	James H. Grant	John H. Kimball
G. W. Barker	Philip E. Clarke	J. O. Grant	Asa Lakeman
John A. Barker	H. A. Cowles	John Greenwood	Geo. W. Langdon
John F. Barton	Clarence Coburn	S. A. Guilford	P. C. Lavalette
Wm. R. Barton	Wm. Cogswell	W. H. Gwinn	Pike N. Lavalette
Geo. W. Basley	T. E. Condon	W. H. Hall	Isaac M. Leonard
C. P. Basley	John Conlace	Charles A. Hardy	Charles Leverett
C. P. Batchelder	Samuel Coombs	C. B. Hardy	Marcus L. Inburg
H. R. Batchelder	C. T. Cotton	Freeman Hardy	Charles W. Lord
Hardy M. Beck	J. S. Cotton.	Joshua M. Hardy	Caleb H. Lord
L. M. Blaisdell	Moses Cotton	Josiah Hardy	Moses G. Lord
Asher Blake	Patrick Coughlin	Otis C. Hardy	Nath'l Lord, 3d.
John Bodwell	Silas Crane	A. W. Harris	Robert Lord
Neil Boyd	Wm. P. Crane	Edward Harris	Wm. Lord, 4th
Chas. Boynton	W. Crane, Jr.	James Harris	Winthrop Low
Warren Boynton	W. H. Cross	J. L. Harris	Daniel Lucy
G. W. Bowen	Peter Crowley	Mark Harris	John Maguire
G. S. Bradstreet	C. S. Cummings	Andrew J. Hart	L. W. Mallard
G. F. Bridges	E. C. Darling	Charles Haskell	J. H. Mann
J. O. Bridges	J. P. Dodge	Henry Haskell	J. S. Manning
R. A. Bridges	Jefferson Dodge	Nath'l Hayes	Thos. Manning
L. A. Brockelbank	Chas. H. Dow	I. G. Hazeltine	John Marshall
D. Broderick	Thos. J. Downes	Peter Hennessey	John E. Mayal
Benjamin Brown	John M. Dunnells	Albert P. Hills	Alex. McGregor
Edward Brown	T. F. Ellsworth	Albert S. Hills	Parker McGregor
Geo. A. Brown	Wm. Ellsworth	E. Hitchcock	Thos. McGuire
H. A. Brown	A. F. Ellwell	H. Hitchcock	C. W. McIntire
Irving Brown	Albert Estes	John Hobbs	James McNeil
J. W. Brown	Chas. W. Estes.	Valorous Hobbs	Wm. McDonald
J. F. Brown	Wm. A. Estes	C. L. Holland	John Merby
J. B. Brown	Eben Evans	Aug. P. Holt	Dennis Merrill
Leverett Brown	H. A. Fall	Otis S. Holmes	S. H. Merrill
L. C. Brown	Daniel A. Fellows	George Horton	J. H. Montgomery
Tristram Brown	A. P. Felton	J. T. Hovey	Chas. A. Moor
Walter Brown, Jr.	C. H. Fields	Frank Howard	Richard Moore



THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, IPSWICH.



## Ipswich Volunteers.

(CONTINUED)

Patrick Murray	George M. Poor	Asa Smith	William H. Tozer
Joseph A. Nason	Chas. Porter	C. D. Smith	John M. Tozer
John W. Noyes	Asa T. Potter	C. W. Smith	M. M. Treadwell
James W. Noyes	D. J. Potter	Edwin F. Smith	H. S. Treadwell
B. B. Newman	J. Putnam	E. P. Smith	John Turner
Albert N. Nichols	Michael Ready	George Smith	Joshua Turner
Edw. F. Nichols	Thomas Ready	H. R. Smith	Coleman J. Tyler
Wm. O. Nichols	Edmund Reiley	John A. Smith	Thos. M. Todd
Malachi Nolan	A. C. Richardson	John H. Smith	T. Thurston
Alfred Norman	Chas. Roberts	John J. Smith	T. J. Thurston
S. Norwood	E. T. Roberts	John P. Smith	David L. Wade
C. O'Connell	G. B. Roberts	Rufus G. Smith	Joseph Wait, Jr.
P. O'Connor, Jr.	J. S. Roberts	Thos. R. Smith	Luther Wait
John O'Connell	Edward Ross	Wm. H. Smith	Rogers Wait
M. O'Connell	Wm. P. Ross	A. H. Spiller	Henry Wallis
George W. Otis	George Rowe	J. S. Spiller	J. W. Watts
E. B. Palmer	H. F. Russell	R. P. Spiller	Moses Webber
Walter Patterson	Edward Russell	J. F. Spinney	Samuel S. Wells
Wm. Patterson	J. W. Russell	W. H. Spofford	John West
Wm. P. Peatfield	Edw. W. Russell	John R. Stacey	E. M. Whedon
J. S. Peatfield	J. H. Sanderson	W. A. Stackpole	John F. Whipple
Thomas Peabody	Geo. H. Sargent	F. A. Stanley	Danl. M. Whipple
Wm. G. Peabody	Kendall Sargent	Wm. H. Staten	B. D. Willard
Nath. C. Perkins	Wm. Shaffer	Henry Stevens	Chas. L. Willcomb
Josiah Perkins	D. B. Schanks	Wm. Stevens	Geo. A. Willett
C. N. Perkins	J. G. Schanks	Wm. Stevens, Jr.	W. H. Winslow
W. P. Pickard	Jacob Schanks	D. W. Stone	F. L. Wood
D. J. Pickard	J. P. Schanks	L. R. Stone	L. R. Worcester
S. K. Pickard	C. Schofield	Wm. L. Stone	J. T. Worcester
W. G. Pickard	James Scott, Jr.	Elbridge Sweet	P. E. Worsey
G. W. Pierce	John C. Scott	W. F. Tarleton	Wm. K. Worth
Edwin T. Pike	J. P. Searles	E. T. Taylor	Geo. G. Young
D. F. Pinder	John Semple	T. C. Taylor	G. Harris
David N. Pingree	Nath. Shatswell	T. P. Teague	D. B. Kimball
E. Plouff, Jr.	M. B. Shattuck	Albert Tenney	H. A. Lord
John W. Plouff	Wm. Shattuck	John E. Tenney	J. A. Lord
H. Plummer	James Shattuck	Henry Terhune	C. C. Lavalette
Wm. Plummer	Geo. Sherburne	C. H. Thompson	Thomas Lang
Benjamin L. Poor	John T. Sherburne	John Tibbetts	P. B. Lakeman
David H. Poor	Reuben W. Shirley	Henry F. Tonge	G. W. Morley
Thos. W. Poor	Albert Smith	Jenness Towle	

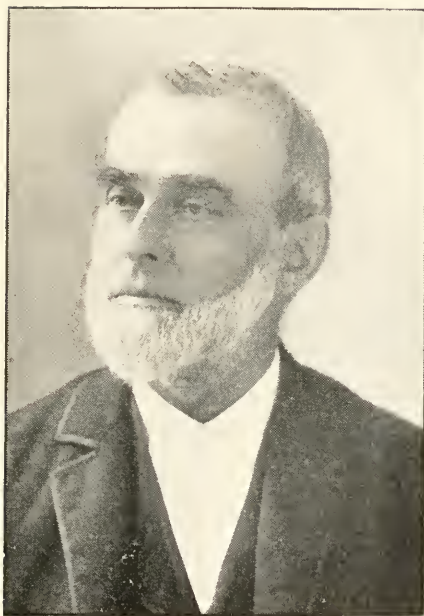
How well these duties were performed may be inferred by Mr. Willcomb's election to the Massachusetts Senate a few years later, where he served his state for two years, (1871-1872). In 1884 he was again elected, as Representative, to the Legislature, as well as serving his town as select man in 1882, 1888 and 1889. He also performed the duties of a member of the Board of Assessors, and also those of Inspector of the port of Ipswich and Newburyport, while he was for many years a member of the Republican Town Committee.

In March, 1900, he succeeded Mr. Morrill as superintendent of the county House of Correction, being at the same time qualified as deputy sheriff of Essex County, which positions he was filling at the time of his death.

Mr. Willcomb was one of the charter members of the Ipswich Savings Bank, and its vice-president, Joseph Ross being its president and Theodore Cogswell, treasurer. He was for many years P. G. of Agawam Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a member of Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge. He was also a director and vice-president in the Ipswich Historical Society, as well as a liberal supporter of many lesser organizations.

"With all the care and pressure of the public life in which he was so interested, he yet found time in his busy days to attend with equal fidelity to the matters of the church with which he was connected and in which his warmest interest centered. His connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church covers a period of more than fifty years, during which time his energy and zeal have helped in every department of the church work. He was Trustee for nearly forty years; a class leader, teacher, and superintendent of the Sunday School; and no enterprise ever has lacked generous support from him. He was a man of wise judgment and keen perception, with a tact and gentleness especially pleasing. At the church service he was always present unless some serious interposition came. He took an active part in the social services and the pastors of the church found him not only at his post, but always ready with word of cheer or gift of gold. At the time of his death he was superintendent of the Asbury Camp-ground and vice-president of its association." The *Zion's Herald* spoke of him Nov. 27, 1901, as follows:





HON. FREDERICK WILLCOMB.



"It is not too much to say that throughout the past half-century Mr. Willcomb has been one of the most useful laymen within the bounds of the New England Conference. Out of a genuine and hearty interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the church, he attended all the Methodist gatherings within his reach, from class-meetings to Conference sessions. And wherever he went he strove to help. The thousand and one little services that no one else would do, or think of doing, he did gladly. He was untiringly generous. No personal sacrifice was ever too great if Mr. Willcomb saw in it a chance to benefit the cause of the kingdom. It will be hard to find another who will work as faithfully as he worked in connection with the New England Conference Bureau or the Asbury Grove Camp-meeting—to mention but two objects of his interest. The loss which the Ipswich Church sustains in his death seems irreparable.

Mr. Willcomb was married three times, his first wife being Miss Mary E. Dunnells, their marriage taking place Feb. 27, 1856, but who died a few years after, June 9, 1861.

His second wife was Miss Margaret Dodge, who was married to him May 20, 1863. She died quite suddenly of paralysis, Dec. 8, 1885. One child was born:

Margaret, b., Sept. 2, 1875.

Miss Theodocia B. Hunt became his third wife, Jan. 9, 1890, and is now living.

Mr. Willcomb's death, at almost 70 years of age, took place on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1901, and was extremely sudden and unexpected. He had been in his usual health all day, and had spent the entire afternoon in his office at the House of Correction, where he was superintendent. On returning to his home about five o'clock, he greeted his family in the usual cheery manner, but soon complained of an agonizing pain in his head which affected him in so great a degree that Dr. Russell was

called at once. Later, Dr. Bailey was summoned to consult, but nothing availed. He soon became unconscious, and in a few moments had passed away.

More than 500 friends and relatives attended the funeral at the Methodist church, the services being conducted by Rev. E. R. Thorndike, D.D., presiding elder of the district, and Rev. F. J. McConnell, pastor of the Ipswich church, assisted by the Revs. Jesse Wagner and Frederick Woods. The burial service of the Odd Fellows then followed, and the body laid to rest in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

By one of the terms of his will he left nearly \$4000 for the benefit of the Methodist denomination.

The *Boston Herald* paid Mr. Willcomb the unusual compliment of the leading editorial in its issue of Saturday, Nov. 23, in the following words:

"The sudden death of the Hon. Frederick Willcomb of Ipswich is a shock to the many who knew him, and there were few men in the state who had a larger acquaintance. Mr. Willcomb was a little short of 70 years of age, but his general activity of temperament made him appear considerably younger. He had been engaged prominently in the politics of Essex County, and much in that of the state also, as a Republican, for more than thirty years. He was chosen to the state Senate in 1870, and had been the secretary of the committee for arranging the annual dinner held by that body ever since. There was no one among its members who appeared more youthful, or less likely to be early claimed by death. Mr. Willcomb was constantly in Republican state and county conventions, and his figure was familiar at the State House in all the later sessions of the Legislature. He was a most genial gentleman, amiable, kind and obliging, highly prized by hundreds of friends, and with a nature that rendered impossible enduring enmity toward him."

## Capt. Joseph Willcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>) Was the second son of Capt. Wm. and Susanna (Lord) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 30, 1801.

He was married Sept. 25, 1825, to Mary Holmes of Essex, who lived to be almost ninety, surviving her husband about fifteen years, and dying July 27, 1891. Their children were:

Joseph Wm., b., Oct. 17, 1827; m., Nov. 20, 1855; d., July, 1902.

Susan Mary, b., Nov. 25, 1829; m., Aug. 16, 1851; d., Oct. 30, 1894.

Sarah, b., 1831; d., 1832.

Francis H., b., Oct. 8, 1836; m., May 20, 1858; d., Feb. 3, 1877.

Clara Low, b., Jan. 20, 1838; m., Jan. 9, 1862; living.

Laura L., b., Mar. 17, 1842; m., 1865, 1878; living.

Lucy A. S., b., 1844; d., 1845.

Of these children, Susan married Moses Webber, Aug. 16, 1851, and died sixty-five years later, Oct. 30, 1894, in the very house where she was born. She was a member of the Methodist church, the W. C. T. U., and the W. R. C., her husband having served in the Civil War. They had one child.

Clara married James N. Webber, Jan. 9, 1862, and their son, Arthur W., married a Florence Nelson.

Laura married James W. Watts, Jan. 16, 1865, a soldier of '61-5, and after his death six years later, married Edward Dole, Dec. 5, 1878.

The youngest daughter died less than a year old.

In 1828 the famous Ipswich Female Seminary, a fine picture of which is here given, was opened by Miss Grant, with which Miss Lyon is inseparably connected, and which was later conducted by Rev. John P. Cowles. The academy building was erected by subscription in 1825. The school session was 40-44 weeks. It has been considered as the predecessor of Mt. Holyoke Seminary.



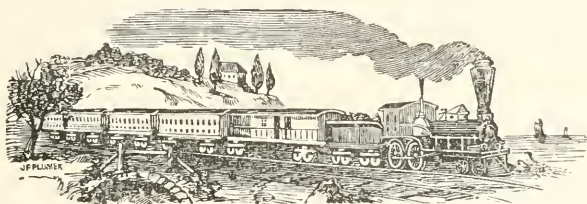
THE IPSWICH FEMALE SEMINARY.

This institution was of untold benefit to the young womanhood of that period, and its final closing a great loss to the town. At one time there were about 300 ladies attending this school, and boarding in various parts of the town.

An old Ipswich paper records, "a sad accident to one of Capt. Joseph Willcomb's crew happened on one of his voyages to Gardiner, Me., in 1837. On arrival, Capt.

Willcomb took in sail within half a mile of his destination, and got ready to check his vessel, the "Eliza Ann," to the wharf. Two men went with the hawser in a boat to a pier a few rods below, when William Lord of Ipswich got a turn to a cleat to check the vessel. He accidentally put his right leg through the bight of the hawser, and before he could get it clear, it brought him up against the cleat and severed the foot from the leg so that it had to be amputated."

Like his father and grandfather he was a sailor, and was generally engaged in "coasting," making regular trips to Maine ports and other places.



AN OLD-TIME TRAIN.

The early settlers came here for the principal purpose of establishing fishing and trading posts, and the islands of the West Indies offered a market for exchange of fish for other products such as sugar, cotton, molasses, and tobacco. Lumber from the great forests of Maine also engaged the attention of our sailor ancestors, as almost all transportation was necessarily by water, the Eastern Railroad not being built as far as Ipswich until 1840.

Capt. Willcomb died at Ipswich, May 19, 1876, aged 74 years and 7 months.

## Capt. Joseph W. Willcomb.<sup>8</sup>

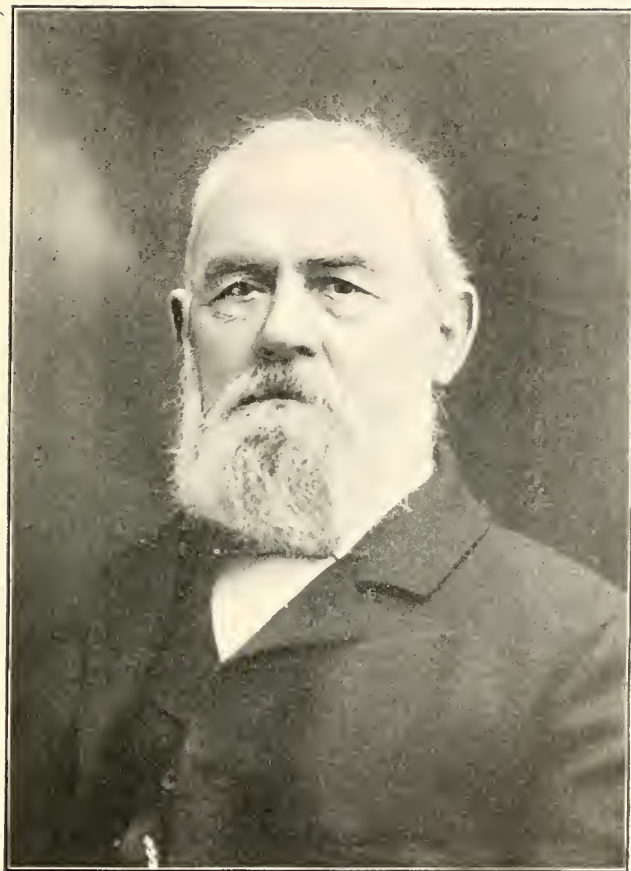
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In 1846 he sailed in the ship *Nonantum* of Salem for Calcutta, India, with a general cargo.

The energy and fearlessness of our early navigators was something almost marvelous. Without chart or guide of any kind they boldly set sail in vessels of but 150 tons for ports never before visited by Americans, fearing neither coral reefs nor native treachery and cruelty.

Three years later he went to California as one of the "Forty-niners," in the ship *Elizabeth* from Salem, Capt. Staniford Kimball, master. The passage to San Francisco occupied 65 days, and on their arrival he started for the gold mines. At this time he had consumption and "raised blood" every day. After a year he returned home, but in a short time started for Calcutta again as second mate of the ship *Hamilton*, via Honolulu, and then back to Boston.





CAPTAIN JOSEPH W. WILLCOMB.



The following year, 1851, he sailed as first officer of the bark *Europa* of Salem, for Tasmania, Hobartown, Calcutta, and home.

The next year was passed in another voyage to Australia and the Philippines. The two succeeding years saw voyages as mate of the ship *Malay* of Salem, to Calcutta, India, and Australia.

In 1855 he had risen to the position of master of the *Malay*, and Nov. 20th of that year he was married at Ipswich, Mass., to Margaret S. Blake, a daughter of Asher Blake. Three children were born to them.

Joseph William, b., April 2, 1860; living.

Eva Adams, b., June 24, 1863; living.

The following five years, 1855-1860, were consumed in several voyages to Melbourne, Manila, Singapore, Siam, Hong Kong and Shanghai, one of the voyages circumnavigating the globe twice.

In 1860 he assumed command of the ship *Ocean Rover*, and seven years later was placed in command of the *Horatio Harris*. In 1870 he was master of the *Shirley* of Salem, and two years after was master of the ship *Highlander*.

In the museum at Salem may be seen models of the "*Europa*," the "*Malay*," and the "*Shirley*," and also oil paintings of the two last. A fine oil painting of the "*Ocean Rover*" holds an honored place in his Ipswich home.

For a number of years past he has been living quietly at his comfortable home on North Main street, Ipswich, and performing the duties of night watchman at the county House of Correction in that town.

Capt. Willcomb died Sunday, July 13, 1902, at Ipswich. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Ipswich lodge of Masons.

The son, Joseph W., Jr., is at present living in Ipswich, as night watchman at the House of Correction.

His daughter Eva A., graduated from the Manning High School in 1883, has been a teacher in the public schools of Ipswich for a number of years, and is at present teaching in the Payne school.



### Francis H. Willcomb <sup>s</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>7</sup> FRANCIS H.,<sup>8</sup>) Was the son of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Holmes) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., Oct. 8, 1836.

He was married May 20, 1858, to Harriet, daughter of David and Maria Pickard. Two children were born:

Mary Francis, b., Jan. 5, 1859;

Henry Eugene, b., Dec. 12, 1861;

For some years he lived at Ipswich on the corner of East and North Main streets, and later in New York city. By occupation he was a mariner and shoemaker.

His death occurred Feb. 3, 1877.

Married to John B. Demarais of Bridgton, N. J., a seaman, September 22, 1876.

## Henry Perry Willcomb<sup>s</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL L.,<sup>7</sup> HENRY P.,<sup>8</sup>) Was the son of Daniel L. and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., April 7, 1844.

He succeeded his father in the express business between Ipswich and Boston, and has practically been engaged in



THE OLD AGAWAM HOUSE, IPSWICH.

that profession all his life. For many years he lived in the house on County street directly opposite the Ascension Memorial Church.

He was married at Charlestown, April 16, 1868, to Josephine Turner, daughter of James R. and Lucy A. Turner. Three children were born to them:

Herbert, b., Oct. 9, 1870; m., 1892; living.

Helen, b., Mar. 10, 1872; m., 1895; living.

Marion May, b., 18      d., Oct. 19, 1879.

His wife, Josephine, died September 3, 1879, and two years later he was married February 22, 1887, to Mary E. Chapman, daughter of Charles W. and Charlotte (Smith) Chapman. This second wife died Jan. 27, 1887.

His third wife was Mrs. Grace A. Brockelbank, the marriage taking place Jan. 18, 1902.

The eldest daughter, Helen, was married in 1895 to Alfred R. Jewett of Ipswich.



## Charles Sweet Willcomb

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL L.,<sup>7</sup> CHARLES S.<sup>8</sup>) Was the son of Daniel L., and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., April 11, 1837.

He was married to Mrs. Adelia F. (Marble) Lindley, at Ipswich, June 28, 1878. One child was born:

Marion E., b., July 28, 1880;

For the greater part of his life he has lived at Ipswich. At present he is in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

A step-son, Winifred H. Lindley, has taken the name "Willcomb," by which he is generally known in Ipswich.



RESIDENCE OF ROLAND H. WILLCOMB, IPSWICH.





## Herbert Willcomb<sup>9</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL LORD,<sup>7</sup> HENRY PERRY,<sup>8</sup> HERBERT<sup>9</sup>)  
Was the only son of Henry P. and Josephine (Turner) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., October 9, 1870.



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He married a Florence McDonald at Ipswich, and has one daughter,

Adaline, b., July 7, 1892; living.

Mr. Willcomb has been for some years an employee at the General Electric Works, Lynn, Mass., having his home on Boston street.

## Lewis Edwin Willcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL LORD,<sup>7</sup> LEWIS EDWIN,<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Ipswich, Mass., April 3, 1839, and was the son of Daniel L. and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb.

In early life he went to California and the north-west territories, and was one of the party that founded Helena, now the capitol of Montana.

At the age of 25 he was married by the Rev. Robert Southgate, April 20, 1864, to Lucy A. Ross, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Perkins) Ross.

One son and one daughter were born to them:

Eva C. b., Nov. 30, 1865; living.

Daniel L. b., Mar. 21, 1873; living.

For many years he has been carrying on a general grocery and provision business on Willcomb's square, Ipswich, at the junction of East and County streets, being the successor of his brother, the late Hon. Fred. Willcomb.





LEWIS EDWIN WILLCOMB.



## Daniel L. Willcomb <sup>9</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL LORD,<sup>7</sup> LEWIS EDWIN,<sup>8</sup> DANIEL L.<sup>9</sup>)  
Was the only son of Lewis E. and Lucy A. (Ross)



A BEAUTIFUL OLD RESIDENCE ON SO. MAIN STREET.

Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., March 21st, 1873.

After being educated in the public schools of that town, he became his father's assistant in carrying on the grocery and provision business, where he is now engaged.

## Edward Sweet Willcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL L.,<sup>7</sup> EDWARD S.<sup>8</sup>) Was one of the eight sons of Daniel L. and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., November 8, 1848.

For the greater part of his life he has been connected with the firm of Glover & Willcomb, of Boston, now George Willcomb & Co., manufacturers of curled hair, bedding, etc.

He was married to Ella G. Morris of Chelsea, Sept. 3, 1874. Three children have been born to them.

Arthur Glover, b., Oct. 18, 1875; m.,

George Edward, b., May 21, 1880; m.,

Madeline Gertrude, b., Nov. 8, 1888; d., Mar. 22, 1889.

Arthur G., the eldest son, is a clerk with George Willcomb & Co., while the younger, George E., is a student at the Mass. Institute of Technology.



EDWARD SWEET WILLCOMB.





## Stephen Willcomb.<sup>4</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> RICHARD,<sup>3</sup> STEPHEN)<sup>4</sup>) Was the second son of Richard and Elizabeth (Hodgkins) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., August 9, 1719.

It is supposed that he was a sea-faring man, and in



VIEW FROM ONE OF THE IPSWICH WHARVES.

early life removed to Salem, then of first importance in the Commonwealth as a maritime place.

In 1785 the first vessel ever sent from this country to the Isle of France, Calcutta and India, sailed from Salem, and that town for years held almost a monopoly of the commerce with these ports. Trade with other ports in the East Indies and Japan was also initiated by the merchants of Salem.

November 25, 1739, he was married at Salem, Mass. to Sarah Beadle. Six children were born to them :

Thomas, b., 1753; m., 1776, 1782; d., Apr. 17, 1789.

Sarah, b., 1748; m., Dec. 30, 1764.

Margaret, b., 1748; m., 1774; d., 1815.

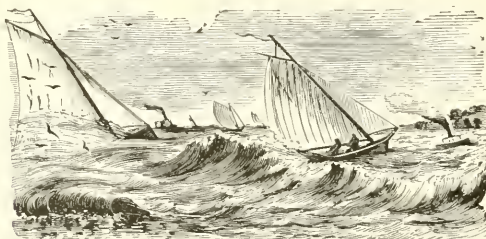
Susanna, bap., Jan. 25, 1758; m., April 23, 1771.

Stephen, b., Feb. 25, 1759;

Mary, b., Aug. 24, 1760; m., Jan. 12, 1777.

Sarah was married to Benjamin Masury at Salem, December 30, 1764.

Margaret married Benjamin Nourse, a baker, in 1774. They lived on Daniels street, and had at least two



children, one of whom, Margaret, died in 1811 at Boston, and was brought to Salem for burial.

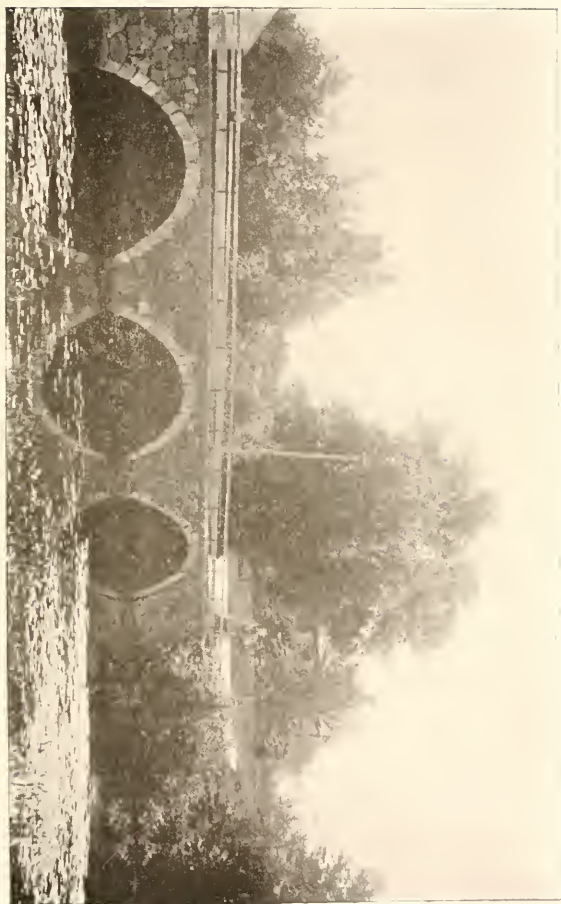
Susanna was married to David Smith, April 23, 1771, at Salem.

Mary was married to Joseph Dane at Salem, January 12, 1777.

There is a Salem record of a Mary Welcome marrying a John Williams at Salem, November 9, 1781.

Stephen died at Salem some time in 1783. His widow died at Salem in 1815, upward of 90 years of age.

In the granting of the administration on his estate he is spoken of as "Stephen Welcome, Tailor."



ONE OF THE BRIDGES OVER THE IPSWICH RIVER.



# IPSWICH HISTORY

1634-1902.

### Historical.

In the preceding section of the book is given the record of nearly all the WILLCOMBS who were born at, or who have lived at Ipswich, Mass., and as the period of their residence there covers more than two centuries, we have inserted in brief, several pages of historical matter pertaining to that town since its founding in 1634.

## FIRST SETTLEMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

MASSACHUSETTS COLONY.					
Salem, first mentioned	Aug. 23, 1630.	Lynn,	"	Nov. 20, 1637.	
Charlestown, "	Aug. 23, 1630.	Sudbury,	"	Sept. 4, 1639.	
Boston, first named	Sept. 7, 1630.	Hampton,	"	Sept. 4, 1639.	
Dorchester, "	Sept. 7, 1630.	PLYMOUTH COLONY.			
Watertown, "	Sept. 7, 1630.	Plymouth, Settled	Dec. 11, 1620.		
Roxbury, first ment'd	Sept. 23, 1630.	Scituate, first ment'd	July 1, 1633.		
Medford, "	Sept. 28, 1630.	Duxbury, "	Jan. 6, 1635.		
Marblehead, "	July 2, 1633.	Sandwich, "	March 6, 1637.		
Ipswich, first named	Aug. 3, 1634.	Varmouth, "	Jan. 7, 1638.		
Newbury, "	May 6, 1635.	Barnstable, "	June 4, 1639.		
Hingham, "	Sept. 2, 1635.	Taunton, "	March 3, 1639.		
Weymouth, "	Sept. 2, 1635.	Marshfield	"	June 7, 1642.	
Concord, "	Sept. 3, 1635.	Rehoboth	"	Oct. 28, 1645.	
Dedham, "	Sept. 8, 1636.	Eastham, "	"	June 5, 1651.	
Cambridge, "	Sept. 8, 1636.				

## EARLY GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## PLYMOUTH COLONY.

1620.	John Carver.	1628.	Thomas Prence.
1621-32.	William Bradford.	1639-43.	William Bradford.
1633.	Edward Winslow.	1644.	Edward Winslow.
1634.	Thomas Prence.	1645-56.	William Bradford.
1635.	William Bradford.	1657-67.	Thomas Prence.
1636.	Edward Winslow.	1673.	Josiah Winslow.
1637.	William Bradford	1680.	Thomas Hinckley.

## MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

1630-33.	John Winthrop.	1679-86.	Simon Bradstreet.
1634.	Thomas Dudley.	1692-95.	William Phipps.
1635.	John Haynes.	1697-1721.	Earl of Pellamont
1636.	Henry Vane.	1702-15.	Joseph Dudley.
1637-9.	John Winthrop.	1716-27.	Samuel Shute.
1640.	Thomas Dudley.	1728-29.	William Burnett.
1641.	Richard Bellingham.	1730-41.	Jonathan Belcher.
1642-43.	John Winthrop.	1741-57.	William Shirley.
1644.	John Endicott.	1757-60.	Thomas Pownall.
1645.	Thomas Dudley.	1760-69.	Francis Bernard.
1646-48.	John Winthrop.	1769-74.	Thomas Hutchinson.
1649.	John Endicott.	1774-75.	Thomas Gage.
1650.	Thomas Dudley.	1780-84.	John Hancock.
1651.	John Endicott.	1785-80.	James Bowdoin.
1654.	Richard Bellingham.	1787.	John Hancock.
1655-64.	John Endicott.	1794-97.	Samuel Adams.
1665-72.	Richard Bellingham.	1797-98.	Increase Sumner.
1673-78.	John Leverett.	1800-01.	Caleb Strong.

### Early Settlers at Ipswich, Mass.

1628. William Jeffrey, John Smith.
1633. John Winthrop, Jr., Mr. William Clerk, Robert Coles, Thomas Howlet, John Biggs, John Gage, Thomas Hardy, William Perkins, Mr. John Thorndike, William Sergeant, Thomas Sellan, George Carr, John Shatswell.
1634. Matthias Currin, John Dillingham, — Elliot, Nicholas Easton, William Franklin, John Fuller, Mr. John Fawn, John Manning, John Newman, John Perkins, John Perkins, Jr., Mr. Thomas Parker, John Robinson, Mark Symonds, John Spencer, Mr. Henry Sewell, Mr. Nathaniel Ward.
1635. Robert Andrews, Mr. Thomas Bracey, Dudley Bradstreet, Humphrey Bradstreet, Mr. Simon Bradstreet, John Cross, Mr. John Cogswell, John Covennton, Mr. Thomas Dudley, Mr. Samuel Dudley, Mr. Daniel Dennison, William Fuller, Philip Fowler, William Foster, Mr. Thomas Firman, Mr. Thomas French, William Goodhue, Edmund Gardner, George Giddinge, Mr. William Hubbard, John Hassell, Richard Haffield, John Jackson, John Johnson, Francis Jordan, Richard Jacob, Alexander Knight, Richard Kent, Robert Kinsman, Roger Lancton, William Moody, Joseph Metcalf, John Mussey, Robert Mussey, Christopher Osgood, John Proctor, Allen Perley, Mr. Richard Saltonstall, Anthony Short, Henry Short, William Symonds, Edmund Sayward, John Saunders, Hugh Sherratt, Thomas Scott, John Tuttle, Mr. Treadwell, George Varnum, Paul Williamson, John Wyatt, Francis Wainwright, Thomas Wells, John Webster, William White, John Whiteyear, Mr. Jonathan Wade, Mr. Woodmansee, Mr. Humphrey Wythe, Samuel Younglove.
1636. Thomas Bishop, Daniel Clark, Thomas Dorman, Samuel Hall, Nathaniel Hart, Thomas Harris, Richard Jennings, Robert Lord, John Merriall, Mr. John Norton, Mr. William Norton, Francis Peabody, Mr. Nathaniel Rogers, Samuel Sherman, John Seaverns, Edmund Sawyer, Theophilus Wilson.
1637. Samuel Appleton, William Avery, Henry Archer, Nathaniel Bixby, Thomas Browning, Thomas Boreman, Thomas Clark, Robert Cross, Phillip Challis, Arthur Colebeye, Symond Comesone, Edward French, William Heildred, Robert Hayes, Daniel Hovey, Stephen Jordan, — Richard Kemball, William Lamson, Daniel Ladd, Katherine Lord (widow), Joseph Mosse, John Northe, Mr. Pike, William Purrier, Isaac Perkins, Joseph Reading, Mark Quilter, Thomas Rawlinson, Mr. Samuel Symonds, Edward Treadwell, Captain Turner, John Thornton, Mr. Humphrey Vincent, John Wedgewood, William Whitred, Michael Williamson, William Warren, Richard Wattles, Mr. John Whittingham, Nathaniel Bishop.
1638. Edward Brown, John Burnam, John Baker, John Cooley, Michael Cartwright, Henry Cachame, Robert Crane, Isaac Comings, Widow Dix, John Dane, Thomas Emerson, William English, Mr. Daniel Epps, Joseph Emerson, John Emerson, Thomas French, Jr., Robert Graves, Thomas Gibson, Samuel Greenfield, John Hanchet, Henry



- Kingsbury, Mr. William Knight, Henry Kemball, Richard Lumkin, John Morse, Thomas Medcalf, William Miller, John Newmarch, Richard Nichols, William Paine, John Robinson, Thomas Silver, Thomas Sherman, Robert Scott, Lianon Stacy, William Swinder, John Treadwell, Thomas Treadwell, Samuel Taylor, Matthew Whipple, Mr. John Whipple, Henry Wilkinson, Robert Whitman.
1639. John Andrews, Matthias Button, Thomas Bird, Jeremy Belcher, Mr. Richard Bellingham, Nathaniel Bosworth, Jathnell Bird, Samuel Boreman, Edward Cachame, Lionel Chute, Robert Castell, John Davis, Robert Filbrick, Dr. Giles Firman, Ralph Farnum, Thomas Gilven. — — Humphrey, Richard Huttley, George Hadley, Andrew Hodges, John Knowlton, Robert Mohey, Thomas Newman, James Pitney, Roger Preston, Thomas Smith, Andrew Story, Simon Thomson, Palmer Tingley, Robert Wallis.
1640. Mr. Bacheller, John Lee, Robert Paine.
1641. Thomas Hart, John Hoyt, Thomas Safford.
1642. John Annable, William Adams, John Brown, Robert Beacham, Richard Bitgood, Henry Bachellor, Thomas Brewer, John Cowley, John Dane, Jr. Wm. Duglass, Richard Davis, Francis Dane, Robert Day, William Fellows, James Howe, William Knowlton, Thomas Knowlton, Aleph Knight, Thomas Lee, Edward Lumas, Richard L. mas, Thomas Perry, John Pettis, Moses Pingrey, Henry Pinder Daniel Podd, John Reddin, Richard Scofield, Theophilus Setchell, Richard Smith, Daniel Warner.
1643. Richard Andrews, William Buckley, Thomas Low, Thomas Windall.
1644. Edmund Bridges, Robert Chelson, Edward Chapman, Robert Roberts, Captain Daniel Wood.
1645. Mr. Thomas Whittingham.
1647. Thomas Burnam, John Dennison, Robert Hunter, Luke Heard, Thomas Lovell, Henry Silsbee.
1648. Wm. Averil, John Appleton, John Ayres, Hamel Bosworth, Edward Bragg, Richard Betts, Gyles Birdley, Job Bishop, James Chute, John Catchame, Malachi Clark, John Choate, William Cogswell, Robert Colborne, Robert Dutch, Ralph Dix, Abraham Foster, John French, William Gutterson, Lancelot Granger, Humphrey Gilbert, Thomas Green, William Heiphar, Anthony Harris, Thomas Harris Richard Kemball, Jr., Samuel Long, John Layton, Jacob Perkins, John Pindar, Aaron Pingrey, Samuel Podd, Robert Pearpoynt, Mr. Bryan Pendleton, Daniel Ringe, Mr. Thomas Rawlinson, Ezra Roffe, Daniel Roffe, George Smith, William Story, Thomas Stacy, Nathaniel Stone, Thomas Scott, Jr., Richard Satchwell, Robert Smith, Theophilus Salter, John Woodman, Abraham Warren, Abraham Walderne, Dr. John Ward, John Whipple, Jr. Thomas Whitred, Edward Walderne, John West, John Wooddam, John Warner, Joseph Lancton, Philip Long.
1649. Joseph Bixby, William Pritchard, George Palmer, Anthony Potter, Obadiah Wood.
1651. Humphrey Griffen, Edward Gillman, Edward Harrindin, Joseph Leigh, Henry Walker.

## Summary of Important Events

OF IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS.

- 1000. Coast of Massachusetts visited by Leif Ericson.
- 1497. Cabot passes along the shore.
- 1500. Cortereal visits the coast.
- 1611. Captain Edward Hardie and Nicholas Hobson visit Agawam.
- 1614. Capt. John Smith visits Agawam.  
Prince Charles orders Agawam to be called Southampton.
- 1617. A plague destroys almost all the Indians at Agawam.
- 1620. Pilgrims urged greatly to land at Agawam.
- 1621. Plumb Island granted to John Mason.
- 1622. Agawam is included in Marianna, Mason's grant.
- 1628. Settlers begin to appear at Agawam.  
John Smith is living at Agawam.  
William Jeffrey is living at Agawam.  
Masconomet is Sagamore of Agawam.
- 1629. Hugh Brown and others sent to defend the Agawam Indians.  
Settlers are to be given 50 acres of land.
- 1630. Warrants sent to Agawam for those settled there to leave.
- 1631. Sagamore of Agawam, banished from every house.
- 1633. A plantation ordered commenced at Agawam.  
Agawam settled by Mr. John Winthrop, Jr., and his companions.  
"Winthrop house" supposed to have been built.
- 1634. Agawam is formally changed to Ipswich, August 5.  
About 100 settlers arrive at Ipswich.  
The first meetinghouse was built.  
Rev. Nathaniel Ward ordained the pastor.  
The "John Shatswell house" supposed to have been built.  
"John Caldwell house" supposed to have been built by Richard Betts.  
Tobacco is forbidden to be used publicly.  
Freemen meet at Boston to elect state officers.  
William Perkins removed to Roxbury.
- 1635. Saltonstall house was built.  
Norton and Corbett house built by John Fawn.  
High street was laid out and officially accepted during this year.  
The footbridge spanning the river was completed.  
Musket bullets were worth an equal number of farthings.  
Twenty-five wolf hooks were sent to Ipswich.  
Dwelling houses to be built within one half mile of meeting house.  
All residents more than 16 years old compelled to take oath of fidelity.  
Rev. Thomas Parker, Nicholas Noyes, Mr. Henry Sewell, William White, William Moody and Richard Kent removed to Newbury.
- 1636. A court was ordered to hold a session once in three months in Ipswich.  
Daniel Dennison is appointed Town Clerk.  
Newbury was settled by persons from Ipswich.  
Henry Short, John Spencer and Nicholas Easton removed to Newbury.

1637. Ipswich was supplied with a watch house.  
Only 37 plows owned by the people of all Massachusetts.  
Shad and alewives used for land fertilizing.
1638. Masconomet sold Ipswich to Mr. John Winthrop, Jr., for £20.  
Seven selectmen were appointed.  
Hampton was settled by persons from Ipswich and elsewhere.  
Mr. John Rogers ordained as pastor of First Congregational Church.  
Samuel Dudley, son of Governor Dudley, removed to Salisbury.
1639. Town of Rowley set off from Ipswich and incorporated.  
Governor Thomas Dudley removed to Roxbury.  
Richard Jennings removed to Ipswich, England.  
Humphrey Griffin refused a homestead in the town.
1640. Edward French and Robert Mussey removed to Salisbury.  
The "Dodge house" supposed to have been built by Thos. Manning.
1641. Rev. John Ward, John Fawn, Hugh Sherratt, removed to Haverhill.  
Deeds ordered to be recorded on town book.
1642. Robert Paine was chosen town treasurer.  
The town voted to establish a free school.  
Every householder to own a ladder, for use in case of fire.
1643. Indian beans are used in voting.
1644. Ten shillings reward was paid to the person who killed a wolf.  
John Osgood removed to Andover.
1645. Governor Richard Bellingham removed to Boston.  
Governor Simon Bradstreet removed to Andover.  
Topsfield was set off from Ipswich.
1646. Governor John Winthrop, Jr., removed to Boston.
1647. Second meeting house was built.  
Rev. Nathaniel Ward publishes "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam."
1648. Rev. Francis Dane removed to Andover.
1649. Smoking forbidden when on the street.  
Ipswich was allowed two-fifths of Plum Island.
1650. John Hoyt removed to Haverhill.
1651. The town established a Latin school.
1652. The mint was established at Boston.  
The second prison in the colony is built at Ipswich.
1653. Bryan Pendleton removed to Portsmouth.  
Rev. Nathaniel Ward died at Ipswich.
1654. Dr. Giles Firman removed to England.
1655. Thomas Rowlandson and family removed to Lancaster.  
Rev. Nathaniel Rogers died July 3.
1656. Rev. John Norton removed to Boston.  
William Paine removed to Boston.
1657. Cornelius Waldo removed to Chelmsford.  
Thos. Cobbet is chosen pastor of First Church.
1658. Masconomet, sagamore of Agawam, died.
1659. Mr. Richard Dummer removed to Newbury.  
Town bell rung at 9 P.M. each day.

1660. John Warner removed to Quahog.  
Daniel Warner removed to Hadley.  
Ezekiel Cheever removed to Charlestown.
1661. George Smith was granted 200 acres of land for £25, May 24.
1662. William Hubbard removed to Boston.
1663. John Emerson ordained over Gloucester church.  
Freemen's meeting at Boston for election discontinued.  
Rev. John Norton died.
1664. The town voted to grant no more land after March 15.
1665. Plum and Hog Islands and Castle Neck divided between Commoners.
1666. William Bartholomew removed to Boston.
1668. Forty shillings reward was paid to the person who killed a wolf.  
Five men admitted as Commoners.  
The "Hovey house" erected 1668, by Daniel Hovey.
1670. Every cow is obliged to wear a bell.  
Constables to prevent young people from being out late evenings.
1672. Laborers forbidden to have intoxicating liquor.  
Capt. John Ayres has removed to Quahog.
1675. George Norton removes to Springfield.
1676. Thos. Stacey and family remove to Salem.
1677. Jonathan and Nathaniel Wade remove to Mystic.  
Rev. Samuel Cheever removes to Marblehead.
1678. John Norton ordained at Hingham.  
Law obliging all persons to have some visible employment.  
Governor Samuel Symonds died at Ipswich in October.  
Seventy foxes killed this year.
1680. John Hubbard removes to Boston.  
There are three military companies in Ipswich.
1681. Roger Derby and wife remove to Salem.  
A town seal and stamp is bought.  
A magazine is kept in the meetinghouse.
1682. Tobacco yards have become common.  
Rev. John Rogers becomes president of Harvard college.  
General Daniel Denison died at Ipswich, September 30.
1683. Samuel Appleton removes to Lynn.  
Richard Saltonstall removes to England.
1684. A house of correction built.
1684. Rev. John Rogers died.
1685. Mr. John Cobbet removes to Newbury.  
Rev. Thomas Cobbet died November 5.
1687. Ipswich resists unjust taxation.
1689. Simon Wainwright removes to Haverhill.  
Popular uprising. Gov. Andros imprisoned.
1692. Elizabeth How, of West Ipswich, is tried for witchcraft and executed.
1693. Supreme Court try several accused cases of witchcraft.
1696. Samuel Appleton died early this year.  
Ipswich voted to purchase three field pieces.
1699. Richard and William Willcomb settle at Ipswich.

1700. Population of Ipswich about 1500.  
Repaired the "Great Bridge" over the river.
1701. Third meeting house erected.  
William Goodhue died.  
The alms house built on the common.  
Esther Rogers, of Newbury, hung at Pingree's Plain, Ipswich.
1704. A town and meeting house erected on Meetinghouse Hill.  
Rev. William Hubbard, the historian, died.
1705. School kept in the town house.
1709. One hundred and forty men admitted as Commoners.
1711. Colonel Francis Wainwright died.
1716. Governor Samuel Shute visits Ipswich, October 16.
1717. Alms house built, 40x16x6 feet.
1718. Tea comes into use among the richer class.
1720. Flour is baked and eaten occasionally by the rich.
1721. Dr. John Prigbam died.
1722. Probate office kept in court house until 1815.
1725. Elizabeth Atwood hung for murdering her child.
1726. William Willcomb, son of Zaccheus, died December 3.
1727. The valuation of Ipswich is second in the county, Salem being first  
Severe earthquakes at Ipswich, October 29.
1730. Richard Rogers, Esq., owned first chaise in Ipswich.
1733. Potatoes began to be cultivated.
1734. One hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Ipswich.
1738. Ipswich pays £400 a year for the support of its poor.
1744. War begun with France.  
Severe earthquakes at Ipswich, June 3.
1745. Louisburg taken by New England forces.  
Rev. John Rogers died.
1746. Rev. Jabez Fitch died.
1747. South parish meetinghouse erected.
1748. Many great snow storms during February.
1749. Fourth meetinghouse erected on the common.
1755. There are 62 slaves more than 16 years old.
1757. Captain Jonathan Fellows has exclusive right to sand banks.  
Wolves have nearly disappeared.
1762. First stage once a week between Ipswich and Boston.
1763. The "Stamp Act" passed.
1764. Town and County bridge built—first arched bridge in America.
1766. Colonel John Choate died March 10, at Ipswich.
1767. A steeple was built on the town house.
1770. Coffee began to be used.
1771. A new jail built on the site of the old one.
1774. Ipswich voted £100 for aid of Boston.  
Stage driven to Boston twice a week.
1775. James Foster appointed first postmaster.  
Jesse Story killed at Bunker hill, June 17.  
Severe earthquakes at Ipswich, November 18.  
Rev. Nathaniel Rogers died.

- 1775 Gen. Arnold and army marched through Ipswich toward Canada.
1776. Ipswich instructs her Representatives in favor of Independence, June 10  
 Declaration of Independence, July 4, and Revolutionary War.  
 Royal mode of heading public papers discontinued.  
 Ministers take turns in opening town meeting with prayer.  
 Dea. Aaron Potter, town treasurer, dies June 2, aged 77.  
 Hannah Ayres, a noted schoolmistress, died Aug. 21, aged nearly 100.  
 Capt. Joseph Willcomb died that year.
1777. Jonathan Galloway drowned by the sudden sinking of a privateer.
1778. Ezra Ross, of West Ipswich, hung at Worcester, for murder.  
 Six Salem men drowned by a wreck on Ipswich beach.  
 Benjamin Ireland died at the Hamlet, December 18, aged 100 years.
1780. Slavery abolished by State Constitution.  
 The famous "Dark Day" May 19.  
 Widow Marshal died at the Hamlet, Feb. 12, aged 102.
1781. One silver dollar worth 75 dollars in paper money.  
 William Whipple, Joseph Cole, James Batchelder, lost at sea.
1782. Marquis de Castellux visits Ipswich, November 13.  
 Capt. John Calef drowned back of Plum Island by a wreck.  
 Joseph Emerton and Aaron Burnham were drowned September 22.
1783. Great rejoicing at Ipswich over the news of peace with England.  
 Houses began to be papered.
1784. The almshouse is rebuilt.  
 Dr. Joseph Manning died May 8, aged 80 years.  
 Eight men drowned October 1, in Ipswich bay.
1785. Colonel Isaac Dodge died June 25. Capt. John Choate died that year.  
 Four men were drowned in Plum Island river.
1786. Twenty-five men enlisted and aided to quell Shay's Rebellion.  
 John Lufkin and Abner Low drowned in Chebacco river, April 7.  
 Capt. John Choate drowned off the coast of France, Nov. 30.
1788. Commoners give an absolute grant of land to the town.  
 Joseph Willcomb killed by falling from mast head of a vessel.  
 Joseph Perkins fell from the bowsprit of a vessel and was drowned.  
 Amos Burnham was drowned in Chebacco pond.
1789. General George Washington reviews 3d Essex Regiment at Ipswich.  
 General Michael Farley died June 20, at Ipswich.
1790. Deer have nearly disappeared.  
 Aaron Day drowned in a creek on the marshes.
1792. Ipswich pays £500 for support of poor.  
 A woolen factory is built.  
 Brick powderhouse built.  
 Doctor Wallis Rust died in December.
1793. Hamilton set off from Ipswich, and incorporated.  
 A hail storm destroys about 5000 panes of glass in Ipswich.  
 Psalms and hymns began to be wholly read in church.
1794. Dr. Josiah Lord died suddenly May 12.
1795. A new town house erected, costing \$7000.  
 Four men perished in Chebacco river during a snow storm.  
 Pomp, a negro, hung at Ipswich, for murder.

- 1796. Joseph McKean becomes professor at Harvard.
- 1797. The town records begin to compute money in dollars and cents.
- 1798. Dr. Parker Clark died June 19, aged 81.
- 1800. Population of Ipswich, 3305.
- 1802. Cato Haskell kills Charles Lewis with a scythe, October 12.
- 1804. Smoking on the streets forbidden. Penalty, \$1.00.  
Dinah, a black woman, died July 31, aged 102 years.
- 1805. Levi Frisbee becomes professor at Harvard.
- 1806. A Baptist society was formed in February.
- 1807. Dea. James Foster, first postmaster of Ipswich, died Oct. 10.
- 1808. Ipswich trade suffers much from the Embargo.  
Ipswich sends a petition to President Thomas Jefferson.
- 1809. Capt. William Willcomb died in April, aged 40 years.
- 1810. Population of Ipswich, 3569.  
A stone jail completed for the county, costing \$27,000.
- 1811. Town gives \$1000 to Newburyport fire sufferers.
- 1813. Sixteen British prisoners committed to the Ipswich jail.
- 1814. Betsey Telock, aged 49, is burned to death January 5.
- 1815. Hon. Stephen Choate died Oct. 19, of cancer, aged 88.  
Daniel Noyes, nearly 40 years Register of Probate, died March 21.
- 1816. Major Joseph Swasey suddenly expired in the Town Hall, April 1.  
Daniel Rogers, Esq., died September 23, aged 81 years.
- 1817. The Probate Office building finished and occupied December 17.
- 1818. The "Stars and Stripes" became the National flag.  
The town votes to hire \$10,500 and purchases a town farm.
- 1819. Colonel Jonathan Cogswell, of Chebacco, died April 19.  
Dea. Nathaniel Kimball died June 3, aged 86.  
Chebacco set off, and incorporated as Essex.
- 1820. Canal finished between Ipswich and Essex.  
Population of Ipswich, 2550.
- 1821. Fire engine bought for \$450, and house built for it.
- 1823. The Baptist society was dissolved that year.
- 1824. Boston & Ipswich lace factory established.  
Methodist Society incorporated.  
Dr. John Manning died October 19, at Ipswich.  
General Lafayette visits Ipswich, and is royally received.
- 1825. Over \$200 raised to help build Bunker hill Monument.
- 1826. Col. Nathaniel Wade, a personal friend of Washington, died Oct. 26.  
The Methodist Sunday School was formed that year.
- 1827. Voted 10 cents for every crow killed in Ipswich.  
Ipswich Journal (weekly) first published.  
Town bell rung at 12 M. for dinner.
- 1828. Ipswich Female Seminary opened by Miss Grant.  
William Burley leaves \$500 for a fund to increase Christian education.  
John W. Gould was killed by a bull on Plum island, Dec. 12.
- 1829. Col. Joseph Hodgkins, (at Bunker Hill, etc.) died Sept. 25, aged 86.
- 1830. The cotton factory began operations.  
Population of Ipswich, 2951.

1830. A Unitarian society is formed.
1831. There are 332 dwellinghouses and 298 barns in Ipswich.  
There are 187 horses, 1439 cattle, 458 sheep and 284 swine.  
Hay cut in Ipswich amounted to 3179 tons.  
Ipswich is assessed a valuation of \$577,142.  
Capt. Jeremiah Kimball died February 1, aged 80.  
Rev. Moses Welch assumes the pastorate of the Linebrook Church.  
Stephen Baker is appointed one of the County Commissioners.
1832. Bridge finished over the river, near Smith's mill.  
There are 20 revolutionary soldiers on the pension list.  
Platform hay scales introduced into Ipswich.  
There are 213 members of the First Congregational Church.  
Salt works were erected on Plum Island but were a failure.  
William Sutton died February 26, at the age of 59.
1833. There are three tanneries.  
Representatives are paid \$2 per day from the State Treasury.  
Bank incorporated March 25, capital \$100,000.  
There are three hotels.  
There are 36 inhabitants in the almshouse who earn their living.  
Maj. Thomas Burnham died March 7, aged 82.  
The Unitarian society dedicate a Church edifice.
1834. Rev. John P. Tyler assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.  
"History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton," published by Joseph Felt  
Celebration of 200th anniversary of the founding of the town.
1835. Rev. James W. Sheppard assumes pastorate of Linebrook church.
1836. Samuel G. Conklin drowned July 8.  
The Methodist Church was enlarged.  
Rev. Samuel Harris assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.
1837. Population of Ipswich is 2855.  
Ipswich Register published one year only.  
The "Washington Blues" were organized with thirty-six members.  
Thomas S. Greenwood is appointed lighthouse keeper.  
Sixtieth celebration of June 17, by survivors of the Revolution.
1838. Old South meetinghouse dedicated January 1.  
The almshouse was built of brick.  
Rev. Francis Welch assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.
1840. The Eastern Railroad was extended through Ipswich.
1841. Asahel Wildes is collector of the port of Ipswich.  
National fast on the death of President Harrison, May 14.  
Plum Island river was frozen over the winter was so severe.  
Hon. Charles Kimball is appointed County Commissioner.
1842. House of Correction enlarged and built of brick.  
A County Hospital for the chronic insane is built.  
Rev. Jacob Coggin assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.
1843. Capt. Jeremiah Kimball died February 17.  
Daniel L. Willcomb is inspector of the port of Ipswich.  
The Unitarian Church bought by the town for a town house.
1844. John P. Cowles assumes charge of Ipswich Academy.  
Capt. Daniel Lord died February 15, aged 76.



1845. Willie M. Ellsworth was drowned June 15.  
Ebenezer Burnham has been town clerk twenty-eight years.
1846. A section of the town was added to Boxford.  
A vestry was added to the Methodist Church.  
Alfred Kimball is elected town clerk.
1847. Seventeen lives lost by wreck of brig "Falconer," Castle Neck, Dec. 19.  
Rev. Moses Sawyer died August 26.  
President Polk and Secretary Buchanan make addresses at Ipswich.
1848. The church at Linebrook was torn down and rebuilt.  
Fifty Methodists go in a schooner to the camp-meeting at Eastham.  
Rev. E. Burchard assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.
1849. Capt. Joseph W. Willcomb leaves Ipswich for California gold mines.  
James H. Staniford leaves for California gold mines.
1850. Ipswich Clarion (weekly) first published.  
The Methodist Church is again enlarged.  
Rufus Choate, lawyer and U. S. Senator, died.
1851. Maj. Joshua Giddings died Nov. 9, aged 79.  
Rev. Willard Holbrook assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.
1852. Capt. William Willcomb died this year, aged 55.  
Dr. Thomas Manning died this year.  
Capt. John Lord died Dec. 3, aged 88.  
Nathaniel Lord, register of probate for Essex county, died Oct. 16.  
Capt. Jacob Manning died August 16, aged 68.  
The County Court Records are removed to Salem.  
Daniel Weed becomes County Treasurer.
1853. The 58th session of the N. E. Methodist conference was held here.
1854. Daniel Ross, a soldier of the Revolution, died April 24, aged 97.  
Dr. Thomas Manning leaves his estate to build a high school.  
Abraham Hammatt, antiquarian, died August 9, aged 73.  
Col. Nathaniel Harris died January 22.
1855. Daniel L. Willcomb is surveyor of the port of Ipswich.  
Frederick Willcomb is inspector of the port of Ipswich.  
The County Court House was sold to the Methodist society.
1856. Stephen Coburn is postmaster of Ipswich.  
Warner's bridge over the Ipswich river is built.  
The town reports were first printed in book form.  
Rev. J. W. Healey assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.  
Hon. George Haskell is appointed County Commissioner.  
Alfred Kimball is elected town clerk.
1857. Coinage of the large copper cents discontinued by the government.  
Capt. Robert Kimball died July 13.  
The nickel "eagle" cents begin to come into circulation.
1859. Abram D. Wait is appointed County Commissioner.  
The nickel "Indian head" cents appear in circulation.
1860. The population of the town is 3,300.  
Rev. Ezekiel Dow assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.  
The second Methodist Church was built near Meetinghouse Green.  
Rev. David Tenney Kimball died Feb. 3, aged 77.  
Abraham Lincoln elected President and civil war threatened.

1861. Benjamin Ellworth is appointed keeper of Ipswich lighthouse.  
 Reuben Daniels is surveyor of the port of Ipswich.  
 Issachar Lefavour is master of the High school.  
 Capt. Wm. Philbrook died Dec. 13, aged 77.  
 Alfred Kimball is the town clerk.  
 War of the Rebellion begun. Ipswich sends soldiers.  
 The bridge over the Ipswich river on County street was built.  
 A fire engine was bought for \$425.00.  
 The present Methodist church was dedicated January 8.  
 Leonard Howe, soldier, died at Seneca Mills, Nov. 28, age 21.  
 Daniel J. Potter, soldier, died at Fort Albany, Nov. 27.
1862. Abram D. Wait is overseer of the House of Correction,  
 John H. Varrell is postmaster of Ipswich.  
 General James Appleton died August 25.  
 The old Knowlton house was torn down.  
 Capt. Nathaniel Scott died November 16, aged 77.  
 Abram D. Wait is reappointed County Commissioner.  
 George W. Otis, a soldier, died November 19, aged 28.  
 John D. Bridges, a soldier, died at Newbern, N. C., April 14.  
 Henry A. Brown, a soldier, died at Newbern, N. C., April 21.  
 William Cash, soldier, died in Andersonville prison, Mar. 23.  
 James A. Clark, soldier, died at Hatteras Inlet, May 7.  
 Edward Harris, soldier, died in Bolivar hospital, Oct. 27.  
 William H. Jewett, soldier, died in service, Oct. 20.  
 George Morris, drowned by sinking of "Cumberland" by "Merrimac."  
 John G. Schanks, soldier, died of wounds at Antietam, Sept. 20.
1863. Coin gone out of circulation, postage stamps used for change.  
 Augustine Heard and neplews give \$10,000 for the relief of soldiers.  
 Ipswich has paid \$13,200 bounty to volunteers for the Union.  
 One hundred and fourteen families of volunteers receive town aid.  
 The town paid \$9768.00 for aid to volunteers' families.  
 John J. Jewett, soldier, killed at Gettysburg, July 2.  
 Marcus Linburg, soldier, died in service., Nov. 15.  
 George W. Morley, soldier, died of wounds, July 19.  
 Joseph S. Peatfield, soldier, died at Newbern, July 31.  
 Alfred Richardson, soldier, died at Baton Rouge, August 8.  
 Daniel B. Schanks, soldier, died of wounds at Baton Rouge, April 20.  
 John M. Tozer, soldier, died at Newport News, October 20.  
 Alvin T. Conant, soldier, died in service, October 26.
1864. End of the war of the Rebellion near. Ipswich has sent 348 men.  
 Ipswich pays twenty men \$2,500 to enlist.  
 The town has paid \$12,092 for aid to volunteers' families.  
 The John T. Heard Lodge, F. & A. M., was formed Aug. 26.  
 James W. Goss, taken prisoner June 22, was confined in Libby prison.  
 William Gray, a soldier, was killed at Petersburg, June 21, aged 41.  
 Joseph Wait died May 28 aged 83.  
 John H. Jewett died at Gettys' Station, April 5, aged 22.  
 Capt. Nathaniel Johnson died May 17, aged 46  
 George Dane is Representative.

1864. Rev. Thos. Mather Smith, D.D., died Sept. 6.  
 Luther B. Andrews, soldier, died in service, June 2.  
 John A. Barker, soldier, died in service, August 30.  
 Chas. P. Bachelder, soldier, died of wounds, Aug. 23, at Washington.  
 G. F. Bridges, soldier, died in Richmond Prison, May 16.  
 Henry A. Cowles, soldier, died at Fort Saratoga, July 14.  
 Peter Crowley, soldier, died of wounds at Petersburg, Va.  
 Charles H. Dow, soldier, was killed at Cold Harbor, June 3.  
 William Patterson, soldier, died of wounds at Petersburg, June 16.  
 W. P. Peatfield, killed at Whitehall, N. C., Dec. 16.  
 Cornelius Schofield, soldier, died of wounds, August 13.  
 W. W. Shattuck, soldier, was killed at Petersburg, Va.  
 Asa Smith, soldier, was killed in service, Oct. 28.  
 Charles D. Smith, soldier, was killed at Spottsylvania, May 8.  
 J. Albert Smith, soldier, died October 24.  
 T. J. Thurston, soldier, died at Alexandria, October 16.  
 Joshua Turner, soldier, died in service at Washington.  
 Samuel S. Wells, soldier, died in Andersonville prison, Nov. 4.  
 Daniel M. Whipple, soldier, died at Washington, Dec. 26.  
 William A. Estes, soldier, died in Andersonville prison, aged 19.  
 James Gordon, soldier, killed at Spottsylvania, May 19.  
 William Gray, soldier, killed June 21 at Petersburg, age 41.  
 Nathaniel Hayes, soldier, died at Petersburg, Va., July 2.  
 L. T. Jewett, soldier, died at Washington, of wounds, May 20.  
 Philip C. Lavalette, soldier, died at Washington, June 6, aged 21.  
 Pike N. Lavalette, soldier, died in Andersonville prison, Sept. 24.  
 Caleb H. Lord, soldier, killed by sharpshooters, June 29.  
 Alex. B. McGregor, killed at New Haven, Oct. 26.  
 Parker McGregor, soldier, was killed at Spottsylvania, June 16.  
 James W. Noyes, soldier, killed at Spottsylvania, May 18.
1865. The population of Ipswich is 3,311.  
 News of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln causes great sorrow.  
 End of the Rebellion, and return home of the soldiers.  
 Pierce Butler, a soldier, died January 2, aged 21.  
 J. W. Brown, soldier, died in service, Oct. 14, aged 19.  
 Nathaniel Chambers, soldier, died at Patrick Station, Feb. 16.  
 The number of men of Ipswich who died during the war was 52.  
 The town has paid \$15,950 in bounties to soldiers.  
 Dr. Yorick G. Hurd is elected State senator.  
 Samuel P. Pickard died at Fort Williams, February 25.  
 John H. Smith, a soldier, died August 3, aged 24.  
 The town has expended over \$52,000 to aid in suppressing Rebellion.  
 Abram D. Wait is reappointed County Commissioner.
1866. Representative from Ipswich is James W. Goss.  
 Dr. Yorick G. Hurd was State Senator.  
 John H. Varrell is the postmaster of Ipswich.  
 John P. Cowles is principal of the Ipswich Female Academy.  
 The Ipswich Fruit Growers' Society was organized September 22.  
 Wm. L. Bugbee was killed by Indians near Ft. Phil Kearney, Dec. 22.

1866. Abram D. Wait is overseer of House of Correction.  
Dr. Y. G. Hurd is master of the House of Correction.  
An organ costing \$2000 is put in the Methodist Church.  
Rev. A. M. Richardson assumes pastorate of the Linebrook church.
1868. The "Ipswich Bulletin" was published.  
Decoration or Memorial Day was first observed May 30.  
The schooner "Lucy K. Cogswell" was built by Edward W. Choate.  
The Free Public Library opened. Miss L. A. Caldwell, librarian.  
Josiah Lord is Representative to the Legislature.
1869. Rev. Daniel Fitz died September 2.  
The Church of the Ascension, Episcopal, was built on County street.  
First annual fair of Ipswich Fruit Growers Association held this year.  
Savings bank incorporated by J. Ross, F. Willcomb and others.
1870. Frederick Willcomb, of Ipswich, is State senator for this district.  
The population is 3074.  
Philip E. Clarke is inspector of customs.  
Joseph L. Akerman died June 6, aged 48.
1871. The soldiers' monument was erected costing \$3,000.  
The Ipswich Advance was published.  
James W. Watts died on January 31.  
Rev. Benjamin Howe assumes the pastorate of Linebrook church.
1872. Ipswich Chronicle (weekly) first published.  
First annual parade of Ipswich firemen.  
Capt. Richard T. Dodge died March 5.  
Granville S. Spofford, of Essex, drowned at Ipswich beach, March 31.  
Schooner "J. R. Lawrence" went ashore on Plum Island.  
The Catholic Church was built this year.  
Gen. Wm. Sutton presents Ipswich with a "hook and ladder truck."  
Schooners "J. A. Ford" and "Harriet Samantha" wrecked Oct. 27.  
An earthquake shock was felt here Nov. 19.  
Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell bequeaths \$4000 to Manning School fund.  
Mrs. Emma Seaby drowned in a creek near Essex.  
The light of the great Boston fire plainly seen from Ipswich.  
Central street was built during this year.  
Rev. T. H. Shahan is pastor of the Catholic Church.  
Salem I. Cadets go into camp for a week in August at Ipswich.  
Daniel Treadwell, inventor, died at Cambridge.
1873. The Methodist Society builds a parsonage which costs \$4000.  
A great Methodist revival occurs.  
Joseph L. Ross gives a \$500 set of school furniture to Central school.  
Rev. Samuel S. Appleton died Nov. 29.  
Rev. Robert Southgate died at Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 8.  
Henry Stevens was drowned off Plum Island.  
Manning Dodge died Oct. 19, aged 78.  
St. Joseph Catholic Church dedicated Nov. 9.
1874. Edward B. Wildes' barn was burned July 24.  
Ipswich Hosiery Mills employ about 300 operatives.  
Ipswich Woolen Mills employ about 50 operatives.  
Edward G. Hull is Representative to the legislature.

1874. Many Ipswich people attend the World's Peace Jubilee at Boston.  
Manning High and Grammar schools built.  
The Manning School was dedicated August 26.  
Prof. Fiske appointed principal of the Manning Schools.  
Yacht "Isabel" was driven ashore on Plum Island, Aug. 13.  
The valuation of Ipswich is \$1,810 \$12.  
Joseph D. Fellows was drowned at Seavey's creek, August 23.  
The house of correction has 144 inmates.  
The insane asylum has 64 inmates.  
An earthquake shock was felt at Ipswich Nov. 21.  
Capt. Richard Lakeman died April 16, aged 63.  
There are 308 pupils enrolled in the public schools of the town.
1875. Population of Ipswich is 3,674.  
The brig "Ida C." went ashore on the beach February 25.  
Schooner "James Freeman" sunk in Ipswich bay.  
John H. Blake is Representative to the Legislature.  
John H. Cogswell is postmaster of Ipswich.  
There are 130 prisoners in the County House of Correction.  
James W. Bond is inspector of customs.
1876. Captain Joseph Willcomb died that year.  
Capt. Richard Sutton died February 17, aged 53 years.  
Rev. Edwin B. Palmer was appointed pastor of the First Church.  
George Haskell, Esq., is Representative to the Legislature.  
The Town Hall was rebuilt and enlarged.  
The Ipswich Female Academy closes its existence.  
The port of Ipswich is abolished and annexed to Newburyport.  
John M. Bradbury died March 21, aged 58.
1877. Ipswich Gas Light Co. formed, works built, and pipes laid.  
Mrs. Hardy, of Fitchburg, is drowned in river at Little Neck, Aug. 11.  
Mrs. Joseph Claxton was burned to death Oct. 28.  
The postoffice is broken into and money and stamps stolen, Nov. 27.  
Births in town for year 53; deaths, 53; marriages, 37.
1878. The schooner "Helen M. Dennis" was built.  
The steamer "Carlotta" was built.  
Wm. Worwen and Frank Norwood were drowned Mar. 20, in the bay.  
The post office was broken into the night of April 3.  
A sand schooner was destroyed on Ipswich bar in a storm April 20.  
Post office broken into, safe and contents carried off, April 7.  
Otis Kimball died in Boston, August 1.  
Schooner Lucy K. Cogswell had her masts split by lightning, Aug. 8.  
Mrs. L. Goodwin's house badly damaged by lightning, Aug. 9.  
George Whipple's barn at Candlewood destroyed by fire Aug. 1.  
Capt. David Spiller killed by a train at Mystic River bridge, Aug. 14.  
Schooner "Hop Vine" went ashore on Ipswich bar, Sept. 6.  
A clambake and political rally given by Gen. B. F. Butler, Oct. 22.  
Schooner "Sarah Ann" went ashore on Ipswich bar, November 23.  
Moses Adams, Chas. Perkins and Wm. Collins drowned in Ipswich bay.
1879. The Ipswich Mutual Benefit Association was organized.  
The sum of \$3,715 was raised Mar. 2 to pay debt of M. E. Church.

1879. Dr. Asahel D. Wildes died March 4, at the age of 66.  
 Barns of Geo. Haskell and J. H. Burnham burned in March.  
 Capt S. N. Baker died January 9, aged 85 years.  
 Fire destroys shops and barns at Damon's mills, April 26, loss \$18,000  
 Dea. Nath. Bradstreet was thrown from his wagon and killed. June 4.  
 Fire destroys the stable of Mr. John Heard, May 18.  
 Two barns belonging to O. C. Smith were burned June 15.  
 Aaron F. Brown died. James Damon died July 4, aged 79.  
 The Willowdale Mills Company were incorporated.  
 Schooner "G. F. Higgins" was driven ashore on the point, August 20.  
 Capt. John D. Cross died at Danvers, October 3, aged 66 years.  
 Reservoir for fire purposes rebuilt at corner Mineral and High streets.  
 Rev. Caleb Kimball died June 19, aged 81. He was blind for 50 years.
1880. The population of Ipswich is 3699.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Huntington and four children drowned in Plum I. river.  
 Col. John T. Heard died at the age of 78 years.  
 Hon. Charles Kimball died November 30.  
 Dwelling house of Mr. Garrett at Linebrook was burned.  
 Hon. Charles Kimball died.  
 There were 65 births, 42 marriages, 84 deaths during the year.  
 Abram D. Wait died November 21, aged 72.
1881. The "Yellow Day" occurs this year. Schools closed in afternoon.  
 Capt. James A. Leet died January 31, aged 56.  
 Joseph Smith, a veteran of the war of 1812, died May 16, aged 98.  
 Schooner "Alice Oakes" was wrecked on Ipswich bar, June 10.  
 Ebenezer Cogswell died June 22, aged 79.  
 Reunion of the "Washington Blues," October 1.  
 Schooner "Lucy K. Cogswell" sunk by collision with Stmr. Wm. Crane  
 Charles Buzzell commits suicide by taking laudnaum, August 12.  
 A day of public prayer for President Garfield observed September 8.  
 Public mourning on death of President Garfield, Sept. 19.  
 Mr. Benjamin Smith was killed at the High Street crossing, Oct. 5.  
 Fire causes a loss of \$6000 at the Willowdale mills.  
 Samuel Hobson, privateersman of 1812, died at the U. Naval Asylum
1882. Rev. John Cotton Smith, D. D., died January 9.  
 Prof. Fiske resigns his position as principal of the Manning schools.  
 Prof. Geo. N. Cross becomes principal of the Manning schools.  
 John H. Hovey, privateersman of 1812, died August 1, aged 92.  
 A town well is drilled in Central square, 125 feet deep.  
 Francis A. Wait died Sept. 20, aged 60.  
 Steam yacht "Evangeline" foundered in Ipswich Bay, October 5.  
 Three-masted schooner "Mark Gray" built at Weymouth.  
 Dr. J. H. Franklin died December 7, aged 58.  
 Moses Spiller died December 20, aged 82.  
 Charles Holmes died August 28, aged 79.  
 200th anniversary of death of Maj. Gen. D. Denison observed Sept. 20.  
 Manning street was built from High to Central.
1883. Rev. E. H. Briggs assumes pastorate of Linebrook Church.  
 Charles A. Sayward is a member of Massachusetts senate.



A WELL-KNOWN IPSWICH RESIDENCE NEAR THE SOUTH GREEN.





1883. Joseph Fellows died February 13, aged 87.  
 Joel Caldwell dropped dead January 10, age 58.  
 Theodore Andrews died February 26, aged 81.  
 Daniel L. Hodgkins died March 24, age 70.  
 Barn and dwelling of Mrs. Joshua Lord and Asa Lord, burned Mar. 31.  
 Steamship "City Point" wrecked on Plum Island and is a total loss.  
 Col. William Baker died June 3, aged 78.  
 A. M. Osgood is elected principal of the Manning high school.  
 Reservoir built for fire purposes in Willcomb's square.  
 Wilcomb Treadwell died June 29, age 92.  
 Thomas Hurcomb was drowned in the cove June 10, age 40.  
 Memorial to Rev. John Cotton Smith consecrated June 21.  
 The water tank near the railroad station was erected.  
 The barn of Mrs. Julia A. Willett was destroyed by fire, Sept. 13.  
 First class postage reduced from three to two cents.  
 Barn of Mrs. J. Q. Peabody destroyed by fire, Oct. 3.  
 Capt. Thos. S. Greenwood died, age 76.  
 Rev. Benjamin Howe of Linebrook, died October 18, age 75.  
 The barn of Joseph Bartlett was burned October 28.  
 John Spiller died December 4, age 85.  
 Unsuccessful attempt to blow open postoffice safe, by burglars, Nov. 29.
1884. Town appropriates \$1000 with which to celebrate its 250th anniversary.  
 Two hundred fiftieth anniversary of incorporation of town celebrated  
 "Old Homes of Ipswich," published by I. J. Potter.  
 Fire causes a loss of \$10,000 to the Willowdale mills, Jan. 9.  
 Willowdale mills were destroyed by fire, Jan. 11, loss \$50,000.  
 Births 71, marriages 42, deaths 82.  
 The barn of E. Plouff was destroyed by fire February 21.  
 Edward L. Davenport died in Somerville Feb. 25, age 46.  
 George Hobson died March 28, age 74.  
 Schooners "Alfaretta," and "Ella M. Johnson," wrecked on Plum Is.  
 Mr. George Russell killed by a fall April 4, age 61.  
 William D. Brackett died at Willowdale, April 22.  
 Joseph Rogers died May 15, aged 75.  
 Daniel P. Nourse died July 31, aged 76.  
 An earthquake is felt at Ipswich.  
 Mr. Thomas Rigby was drowned in Plum Island river.  
 Hon. Frederick Willcomb is representative to the Legislature.  
 Warren Averill died December 26, age 75 years.  
 Joseph Marshall's barn at Candlewood was burned Dec 31.  
 There were 75 births, 48 marriages, 98 deaths during the year.
1885. Hon. Samuel H. Wade died at Alton, Ill., Jan. 2, age 79.  
 The Ipswich woolen mills were sold at auction.  
 Hon. Wm. Caldwell died at Augusta, Me., Mar. 8,  
 Asher Blake died March 8, at an advanced age.  
 Schooner "Isabella Thompson" wrecked on Castle Neck Dec. 1.  
 Gilbert Conant died March 21, aged 81.  
 Dwelling house of Mr. John Heard burned July 3.  
 Israel C. Jewett died July 6, aged 64.

1885. Jacob B. Tenney died June 17, age 78.  
 The Agawam Band was formed.  
 The population of Ipswich is 4207.  
 George M. Smith is elected principal of the Manning high school.  
 W. Howard Willcomb lost his right arm by a gunshot accident.  
 Post office burglarized and over \$500 stolen, Dec. 30.  
 Capt. Henry S. Holmes died Dec. 31.  
 Capt. Eben Lakeman died Aug. 17, aged 80.
1886. Capt. Thomas Sweet died January 16, aged 72.  
 A heavy freshet in the river causes much damage. Mills shut down.  
 Capt. Jeremiah Perkins died March 12.  
 Schooner "Beta" wrecked on Plum Island, April 7, and three drowned.  
 Schooner "Lizzie" of Machias, Me., wrecked on Ipswich bar.  
 Edward P. Kimball is appointed postmaster.  
 Schooner "Mark Gray" seriously damaged by collision.  
 Schooner "Franklin" wrecked on Plum Island, Nov. 13.  
 Fire destroyed barn and contents, belonging to A. P. Hills, Nov. 28.  
 C. W. Morrill is appointed keeper of County House of Correction.  
 Capt. F. D. Langsford killed by a swordfish in Ipswich Bay.
1887. Births for the year, 80; marriages, 45; deaths, 83.  
 Schooner "E. M. Branscome" wrecked in Ipswich Bay.  
 Richard H. Manning died November 9.  
 Albert Stevens and Mina Goodwin drowned in Plum Island river.  
 About 1400 members of the Essex County G. A. R. parade Sept. 20.  
 Ipswich Insane Asylum is abolished October 1.  
 Charlie Haskell loses his arm by the bursting of a gun, July 4.  
 \$2500 expended by the government in dredging Ipswich river.  
 Capt. George Patch died in September, aged 82.
1888. Charles A. Strout is appointed principal of the Manning high school.  
 James W. Goss died January 24, aged 62.  
 Plum Island river is frozen over the winter is so severe.  
 Daniel S. Russell died February 6, aged 62.  
 Abraham Lord died March 18, aged 83.  
 George W. Ellis died March 20, age 68.  
 Ezekiel Peabody died April 15, age 99 years, 10 months, 2 days.  
 Moses Harris, having carried the mails fifty years, resigns.  
 Dr. Yorick G. Hurd died September 24, age 61.  
 Asa Lord, grocer, died October 17, age 91.  
 There were 75 births, 43 marriages, 77 deaths during the year.
1889. John Quill and son killed at a railroad crossing Jan. 31.  
 Carrie and Arthur Brockelbank were drowned in Lake Winnipiseogee.  
 Peter Bourgeauart was killed by a fall at the brickyard.  
 Agawam "Manual and Directory" published this year.  
 Schooner "Isaac Chaplain" went ashore on Bar Island end, Mar. 5.  
 Oliver L. Sanborn died March 10, age 64.  
 A schooner loaded with sand for Boston sank in Ipswich river.  
 Wells York committed suicide by cutting his throat May 30.  
 William L. Rust died June 1, age 79.  
 Barn of J. Choate Underhill was burned August 2.

1889. Herrick Chapter, Epworth League, was organized Nov. 19.  
 Dr. H. C. Kendrick died at Cleveland, O., Oct. 10.  
 James Peatfield, died Oct. 21, aged 86.  
 Frank T. Goodhue is representative to the legislature.
1890. George H. Rugg becomes principal of the Manning high school.  
 Rev. John P. Cowles died March 11, aged 85.  
 Daniel H. Fellows died August 19, aged 49.  
 John W. Noyes died December 4, aged 62.  
 A new life saving station is placed on Plum Island.  
 George W. Coburn died in Boston, aged 60.  
 Moses Clark died April 28, aged 90.  
 Nathan D. Dodge died at Linebrook, June 6, aged 81.  
 Luther Wait is appointed postmaster of Ipswich.  
 There was a collision of trains near the station July 31.  
 Reunion of First Heavy Artillery Association held at Salem Willows.  
 Firemen's Muster of home and out of town companies, Oct. 15.  
 A very heavy wind and rain storm occurs October 18.  
 Louise Glover loses an eye by a stray shot from a gun, Oct. 24.  
 Thos. Wadsworth, John Whalen, Wm. Hastings drowned in Nov.  
 Wm. Willcomb, after 30 years as store keeper in same building, retires.  
 William Lord, police officer, died December 23.  
 Dr. Samuel Blake died January 18, aged 76.  
 A barn, with contents, belonging to Wm. G. Brown, burned Jan. 25.  
 Mr. Augustine Heard is appointed minister to Corea.  
 S. Comeau was caught by shafting in the mill, and his arm torn off.  
 Freight train wrecked between Fowler's and Ready's crossing.  
 William H. Graves died March 5, aged 65.  
 Flag raised over Manning schools Mar. 27, presented by C. J. Norwood.  
 Albert F. Heard died in Washington, D. C., Mar. 26, aged 56.  
 Rev. William Burroughs died April 1, aged 87.  
 Flag raising over the Ross school April 4.
1891. Ipswich Board of Trade instituted for the benefit of the town.  
 Andrew P. Felton died Jan. 10, aged 68.  
 Ipswich gas works were burned Jan. 17.  
 Joseph N. Caldwell died Jan. 21 of heart failure, aged 78.  
 The Australian ballot system was first used at the town meeting.  
 Charles C. Green died February 7, aged 31.  
 Alfred Clark died February 17, at the age of 62.  
 Ebenezer Kimball died April 1, aged 78.  
 The Salvation Army open a station in Ipswich.  
 Ernest H. Reed died April 11, age 33.  
 The valuation of Ipswich is estimated at \$2,435,239.  
 Francis S. Coburn died April 22, age 62.  
 Edward Plouff died May 8, aged 78.  
 S. Hale Baker is elected principal of Manning high school.  
 James M. Canney died at Center Ossipee, N. H., May 28.  
 Curtis Damon died June 14, aged 50.  
 John W. Lord died June 11, aged about 50 years.  
 The O. U. A. M. Hall was dedicated July 24.

1892. The Agawam Band hall was dedicated Jan. 9.  
 Charlie Damon had a serious fall at the Manning School, Jan. 15.  
 Mark H. Foss loses house, barn and out-buildings by fire, Jan. 31.  
 George W. Spencer was killed by the cars near the station, Feb. 18.  
 Joseph E. Bartlett died February 27.  
 Sand schooner W. H. Y. Hackett went ashore on Little Neck, in Feb.  
 Bridget Doyle died June 21, aged 90.  
 Maynard Whittier's smoke house was destroyed by fire.  
 The Ipswich National Bank was incorporated and began business.  
 The Baptist Church was instituted this year.  
 Abbie Coburn in her will gives the First Cong. Church \$10,000.  
 Warren Hardy killed by being run over by the "Warren" fire engine.  
 Asa P. Stone died Oct. 27, aged 90.  
 Number of children in town between 5 and 15, is 737.  
 Number of children enrolled in the public schools is 736.  
 The valuation of Ipswich is \$2,583,434.  
 The rate of taxation is \$11.70.  
 The appropriation for the year is \$34,934.59  
 David Foster died Sept. 3, aged 83.  
 There are 802 dwelling houses in town.  
 The number of domestic animals owned in the town is 11,209.  
 Mrs. Rhoda Potter died March 4, aged 86.  
 There are 1,017 voters registered in Ipswich.  
 There were 94 births, 48 marriages, 102 deaths during the year.  
 Joseph N. Began thrown from his horse and killed August 3.  
 The schooner Jonathan Cone went ashore on the beach, Nov. 21.
1893. There are seven churches, twelve school houses, two banks in Ipswich.  
 The Free Public Library has about 12,000 volumes.  
 The schooner Celia went ashore on Ipswich bar April 18.  
 Louisa Wells died Jan. 11, aged 86.  
 There are 921 voters in Ipswich.  
 Ann Irving died Feb. 13, at 81, of old age.  
 Mrs. Daniel Clarke died Feb 23, aged 76.  
 The Ipswich Mills employ about 800 operatives.  
 Mrs. Alexander McDole, over 90, was accidentally burned to death.  
 Schooner A. Baker. went ashore on Ipswich bar, Dec. 15.  
 Committee appointed by town to examine sources of water supply.  
 The town is practically out of debt.  
 There are 61 stores and markets in the town  
 Hannah M. Merrill died May 26, aged 86.  
 Average number of inmates and attendants at the County House, 150.  
 The population of Ipswich is about 4,500.  
 There are 1,014 voters in the town.  
 The town valuation May 1 was \$2,750,961.  
 The town has gained \$167,527 last year in valuation.  
 The rate of taxation for this year is \$10.70.  
 The net debt of Ipswich Feb. 1, was \$5,507.29.  
 Number of scholars enrolled in the public schools, 817.  
 Number of children in town between 5 and 15, is 867.



NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, IPSWICH.



1894. Schooner E. F. Willard, of Portland, wrecked on the beach, Feb. 5.  
 Wesley K. Bell, Esq., died January 8, aged 70.  
 Four blocks, two houses and a barn burned Jan. 13, on Central street.  
 Moses Spiller died January 29, aged 71.  
 John Richards Baker died January 30.  
 Abraham Caldwell died Feb. 4, at the age of 94.  
 Damon's block, Lord's block, and sheds, were burned April 19.  
 Steam fire engine Masconomet bought by the town for \$3,200.  
 Warren Fire Engine Company was disbanded October 2.  
 George H. Schofield is appointed postmaster.  
 The Green street bridge is rebuilt as a stone arched bridge.  
 Albert S. Hills died of Bright's disease, Jan. 18, age 77.  
 Stephen Burnham died Jan. 23, aged 84.  
 The Ipswich Water Works and reservoirs built, and water pipes laid.  
 Dea. E. H. Potter died Oct. 9, aged 77.  
 "Handbook of Ipswich History" published by O. C. Willcomb.  
 Rev. Geo. M. Smiley is pastor of the Methodist church.  
 Schooner Hero, built at Ipswich 1859, wrecked near Thatcher's Island  
 Abraham Caldwell died Feb. 4, aged 93.  
 Nabby R. Brown died Feb. 9, aged 83.  
 Mrs. Pauline Greenwood died March 22, at the age of 84.  
 Lucy Rogers Farley died Nov. 12, aged 82.  
 Isette Hovey died Feb. 21, at the age of 86.  
 The Episcopal Society built the parish house adjoining their church.  
 A freight train was badly wrecked, October 16, at Ipswich.  
 The new Wildes block on Central street was built.  
 George W. Falls died October 6, aged 81.  
 The Red Men's block was built in the fall.  
 The new Jewett block on Central street was built.  
 Harrison Smith died October 29, aged 65.  
 Rev. Milo H. Gates is rector of Ascension Memorial Church.  
 The town's 260th anniversary occurred this year.  
 The Measures block was erected on Central street.  
 Ephraim Fellows, died October 31, aged 83.  
 The new Damon block was erected near the R. R. station.
1895. The agricultural property of Ipswich is valued at \$928,613.  
 Ipswich produced 47,700 bushels of clams for market this year.  
 Susan W. Jewett died Jan. 5, of pneumonia, aged 71.  
 John H. Bailey died of heart disease, Apr. 5, aged 70.  
 Rev. Edward Constant is pastor of the North Church.  
 Elmira L. Scott died April 13, aged 85.  
 Rev. Geo. M. Smiley is pastor of the Methodist church.  
 Nine students graduated from the High School in June.  
 Rev. Milo H. Gates is rector of the Episcopal Church.  
 Asa Wade died of heart disease, April 28, aged 88.  
 Mary Holmes died May 13, aged 80.  
 Charles W. Bamford is the town clerk.  
 George W. Bowen died May 23, aged 76.  
 Charles Archibald died Aug. 16, aged 83.

1896. The first electric cars to Ipswich from Beverly were run June 22.  
 Burglars ransack the store of C. F. Wilcox, the night of July 2.  
 Emily Poor died of cancer March 5, aged 86.  
 Fifteen students graduated from the High School in June.  
 Rev. E. E. Harris is pastor of the Baptist Church.  
 Nathaniel Caldwell died March 4, aged 84.  
 Parade of antiques, horrors, etc., July 4.  
 David Cotton and William Reedy died in July.  
 Rev. George F. Durgin is pastor of the Methodist church.  
 The Methodist S. S. picnic was held at Long beach in July.  
 John Perkins died March 27, of apoplexy, aged 70.  
 A memorial tablet on the South Green was unveiled July 29.  
 Sprague Poor and Ernest Whitney were drowned off Plum Is., July 27.  
 Mrs. Eliza Crampsey found dead at Plum Island, Aug. 5.  
 Rev. Sam Jones at Asbury Camp Ground, Aug. 1-11.  
 Jeffries Neck was sold to A. B. Clark in August.  
 Ephraim Grant died April 6, aged 76.  
 Leonard Dodge died May 8, aged 77.  
 Caleb Lord died May 9, at 93, of old age.  
 Rev. E. E. Harris resigns pastorate of Baptist Church in August.  
 Joseph Spiller died Sept. 3, aged 86.  
 Dr. Charles H. Osgood died Sept. 6.  
 Rev. Austin M. Herrick died Sept. 2.  
 Rev. Edward Constant is pastor of the First church.  
 Mrs. Julia A. Willett died in September in her 90th year.  
 Fred Cross was accidentally shot in the breast.  
 Martha Bowen died Nov. 18, aged 90.  
 Daniel Clarke died Dec. 30, aged 84.  
 C. M. Perley's team smashed by train at Mineral street, Oct. 12.  
 Mrs. Martha Brown Whipple died Nov. 7, aged 83.
1897. There were 101 births, 56 marriages, 81 deaths.  
 This year marks the 263d anniversary of the incorporation of Ipswich.  
 Miss L. A. Caldwell is the librarian of the Public Library.  
 Charles W. Bamford is the Town Clerk.  
 William Willcomb died suddenly of paralysis, April 26, aged 61.  
 Luther Nourse died Nov 23, aged 88.  
 Josiah Lord died November 27, aged 76.  
 The telephone exchange was instituted at Ipswich.  
 Thomas Banner died March 15, of paralysis, aged 78.  
 Isaac T. Harris died April 14, aged 82.  
 Mrs. Martha Perkins died Nov. 7, aged 82.  
 The town put up 1,146 tramps this year.  
 W. T. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist Church, resigns.  
 Rev. George F. Durgin is pastor of the Methodist church.  
 Rev. J. L. Hannaford died at Melrose Jan. 1.  
 Warren Nourse died of paralysis, April 27, aged 81.  
 Rev. Edward Constant is pastor of the North Congregational.  
 Rev. Milo H. Gates is rector of the Episcopal Church.  
 But five students graduated from the High School in June.



1898. There was an eclipse of the moon. Jan 17.  
 A great snow storm occurred Feb. 1,  
 Over \$573,000 is deposited in the Ipswich savings bank.  
 Mrs. Ruth S. Baker died Feb. 4, aged 89.  
 Mrs. Col. Nathaniel Shatswell died Feb. 7, aged 62.  
 The Ipswich Historical Society purchase the Whipple house.  
 Eightieth anniversary of the founding of First Church S. S., June 18.  
 Tyler Caldwell died May 27, aged 79.  
 G. A. Schofield, C. E. Goodhue, J. A. Brown are selectmen.  
 Eclipse of sun. Dec. 13, ends cycle of eclipses begun 1260 years ago,  
 G. A. R. parade and two flag raisings May 30.  
 Susan L. Thomas died Sept. 21, aged 88.  
 Immanuel Baptist Church dedicated April 3 10.  
 Augustine Stone died March 21.  
 Ipswich-built schooner Freeman blown up by torpedo. Sept. 15.  
 Mary Brockelbank died October 8, aged 80.  
 John Donahue accidentally killed at High street crossing, Oct. 11.  
 Home of the Ipswich Historical Society dedicated Oct. 18-19.  
 Hon. George Haskell died Nov. 12, aged 89.  
 Blizzard, Nov. 26. Portland lost, and many wrecks.  
 Tremendous snow storm Feb. 13-14.  
 The valuation of Ipswich is \$3,091,932.00.  
 Charles W. Bamford is the town clerk.  
 Thomas F. Condon is the town treasurer.  
 Hervey Nourse died Aug. 12, aged 95.  
 Elizabeth C. Lavalette died Nov. 8, aged 90.  
 265th anniversary of the founding of the town this year.  
 Rev. T. Frank Waters is pastor of the South Cong. Church.  
 There are now 1000 dwelling houses in Ipswich.  
 Ipswich sends volunteers to the Spanish-American war.  
 Rev. Milo H. Gates is rector of the Episcopal Church.  
 Fourteen students graduated from the High School in June.  
 Prof. John P. Marston is principal of the Manning High School.  
 1899. Rev. F. McConnell is pastor of the M. E. Church.  
 There are 1774 persons assessed in Ipswich.  
 The valuation of Ipswich is now \$3,245,335 37.  
 John K. Chapman died Mar. 13, aged 85.  
 There were 179 arrests made during the year.  
 There were 827 tramps cared for by the town.  
 Mrs. Sarah Barton died March 14, aged 82.  
 Prof. John P. Marston is principal of the Manning Schools.  
 825 pupils are enrolled in the public schools.  
 During the year 44 seals were killed in Ipswich.  
 There were only 28 cases of infectious and contagious diseases.  
 Mrs. Mary S. Farley died March 16, aged 92.  
 For the year there were 101 births, 47 marriages, 76 deaths.  
 Geo. A. Schofield, D. S. Appleton, Chas. E. Goodhue, are selectmen.  
 Alvira Parsons Foster died May 22, aged 80.  
 There are 71 pupils attending the High school.

- Twenty-two pupils graduated from the High school in June.  
Andrew J. Phillips died Aug. 13, aged 77.  
Elizabeth W. Dodge died Dec. 28, aged 79.
1901. Geo. A. Schofield, Charles E. Goodhue, Charles G. Hull, selectmen.  
Hon. Frederick Willcomb died suddenly, Nov. 21, aged 69.  
Margie A. Harris died of cancer, May 23.  
There were 104 births, 50 marriages, 85 deaths.  
Mrs. Mary S. Farley died, aged 92.  
Mrs. Judith Burnham died, aged 92.  
Mrs. Caroline Cushing died, aged 90.  
The Burley Education Fund amounts to \$14,114.00.  
There were ten scholars graduated from the High school in June.  
Thomas F. Condon, town treasurer, died in the fall.  
Hon. Fred Willcomb leaves about \$3800 to the Methodist Church.  
The grade crossing near the Appleton farms abolished.  
There were 180 arrests made during the year.  
Property damaged by fire during the year amounts to \$2255.  
The total valuation of Ipswich is now \$3,367,047.50.  
The number of assessed persons is 1807.  
There are 68 pupils in the High school.  
Miss Eva A. Willcomb assumes charge of Grade IV, Winthrop school.  
Miss Laura A. Hubbard, music teacher, died in October.  
There are 837 scholars enrolled in the public schools.
1902. Capt. Joseph W. Willcomb died July 13, aged 75.  
Rev. Arthur Bonner becomes pastor of the Methodist Church.  
Benjamin Newman died Jan. 29, aged 83.  
Mary Ann Hovey died Jan. 31, aged 83.  
Benjamin Ellsworth, lighthouse keeper, died Feb. 21, aged 89.  
Susan Kimball died May 31, of cancer, aged 87.  
Lydia A. Lord died Mar. 3, aged 83.  
There was a total eclipse of the moon, October 16 17.



## Rev. David Tenney Kimball.

In 1806, and in the twenty-fourth year of his age, the Rev. David Tenney Kimball was settled over the illustrious First Church.

His theological course had been pursued at Andover. When he received at Harvard the degree of A. M., he pronounced the valedictory in Latin. As a student his themes were remarkable for their classic elegance, and were usually honored by the "double mark." In one or two instances a "triple mark" was assigned, "a distinction awarded to no one else during my collegiate life," said Samuel Greele. Mr. Kimball had a melodious voice, distinct enunciation, a manner calm and impressive. He preached more than 5000 sermons, and left 3000 written out with rare legibility. He never slighted any duty which he assumed.

At the close of his public services in Ipswich more than sixty pulpits were open to his ministrations.

Before he established the Sabbath School in Ipswich in 1818, he had instructed the young in the church and in his own house for eleven years. His Bible class for adults numbered from two to three hundred.

For more than forty years he was a member of the School Committee, making over 2000 visits.

He was among the earliest and most earnest to call attention, in his own town and in other places, to the subject of the higher education for woman. It was due to his personal sacrifices that the Ipswich Female Seminary,—the leading institution of the kind in America,—was finally established.

Through his whole ministry he was the earnest advocate and efficient helper of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Kimball and Dr. Lyman Beecher were appointed the committee to prepare elaborate papers in behalf of the cause.

He was the uncompromising enemy of oppression, personal or national. He early declared for anti-slavery. His name stood at the head of a list of 154 clergymen who, in 1834, advocated immediate emancipation.

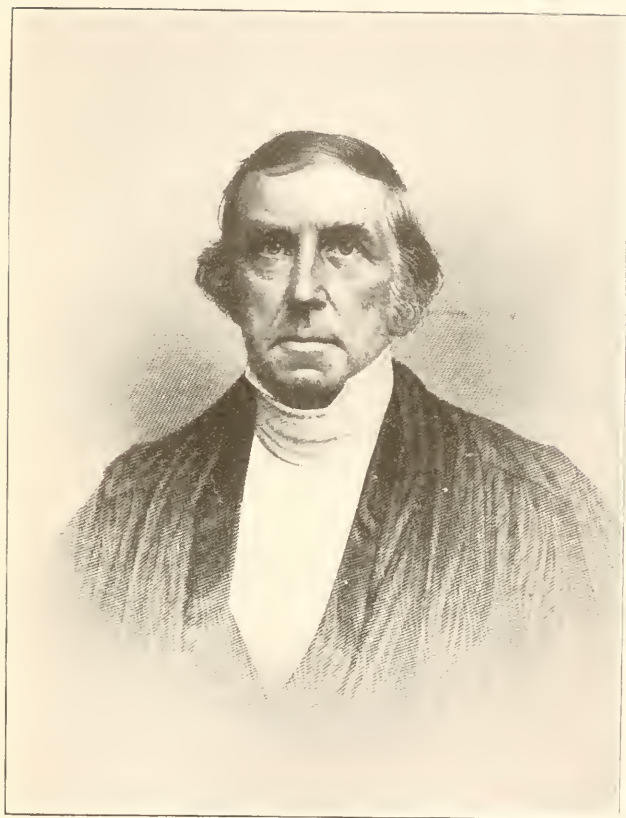
The second sermon which he wrote was upon Temperance, and he ever lent influence and gave labor to promote the cause. He was one of the original members of the first society in the country, instituted in 1813. The American Education Society, whose object was the preparation and assistance of young men for the ministry, occupied much of his time and attention. He served as its secretary for 44 years. He was also secretary for 48 years of the Essex North Association, equally punctual and faithful in every detail. In both of these societies he died in office.

In addition to the charge of his own parish, he voluntarily ministered to the expiring parish of Linebrook. His persistent labors in its behalf prevented its dissolution. The membership of the First Church was quintupled during his ministry. There were several religious awakenings.

Always responsive to pastoral summons, he frequently spent entire nights beside the sick and dying.

His house was the seat of a generous hospitality.

He was the author of sixteen published discourses, besides furnishing many miscellaneous articles to periodicals. He was a careful and cautious thinker, an accomplished writer, an accurate scholar, a forcible and in-



REV. DAVID TENNEY KIMBALL.



structive preacher ; in every department of duty, diligent, prompt and faithful, of amiable and benevolent disposition, zealous for the Lord of Hosts, a consecrated champion of Christian truth.

When at 77, pneumonia drew him near the river's brink, and some thought he had passed over, he revived and exclaimed, "The gates of the New Jerusalem are opening. I see within the city."

Then after affectionate farewells to his family, and benedictions for his people, he fell on sleep, a smile of ineffable beauty resting on his lips. There it remained until he was buried out of the sight of the hundreds who knew and loved him. The house was thronged for days. Many children came for a last look. The following noon all the bells in town were tolled. In the ancient cemetery on High street he reposes in the midst of a thousand of the people of his love.



## Ministers of Ipswich.

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

1634-1635.	Rev. Thomas Parker	1720-1775.	Rev. Nathaniel Rogers
1635-1637.	Rev. Nathaniel Ward	1752-1756.	Rev. Timothy Symmes
1638-1655.	Rev. Nathaniel Rogers	1775-1805.	Rev. Levi Frislie
1638-1655.	Rev. John Norton	1806-1851.	Rev. David T. Kimball
1656-1685.	Rev. Thomas Cobbett	1851-1868.	Rev. Robert Southgate
1656-1703.	Rev. William Hubbard	1868-1876.	Rev. Thomas Morong
1656-1681.	Rev. John Rogers	1876-1885.	Rev. Edwin B. Palmer
1686-1689.	Rev. John Dennison	1885-1891.	Rev. George H. Scott
1686-1745.	Rev. John Rogers	1892 — —	Rev. Edward Constant
1702-1724.	Rev. Jabez Fitch		

### SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

1747-1764.	Rev. John Walley	1868-1872.	Rev. William H. Pierson
1765-1827.	Rev. Joseph Dana, D. D.	1874-1878.	Rev. Marshall P. Angier
1826-1866.	Rev. Daniel Fitz, D. D.	1879 — —	Rev. T. Frank Waters

### METHODIST CHURCH.

1822-1824.	Rev. Aaron Wait	1852.	Rev. Moses A. Howe
1825.	Rev. Aaron Joslyn	1853-1854.	Rev. John W. Dadman
1826-1827.	Rev. Nathan Paine	1855-1856.	Rev. J. L. Hannaford
1828.	Rev. J. T. Burrill	1857-1858.	Rev. William C. High
1829.	Rev. J. J. Bliss	1859-1860.	Rev. C. L. Eastman
1830.	Rev. Jacob Sanborn	1861-1862.	Rev. A. F. Herrick
1831.	Rev. Enoch Mudge	1863.	Rev. J. C. Cromack
1832.	Rev. E. Kirby	1864-1865.	Rev. I. J. P. Collyer
1833-1834.	Rev. J. T. Burrill	1866-1868.	Rev. Jesse Wagner
1835.	Rev. N. S. Spaulding	1869-1870.	Rev. Charles A. Merrill
1836-1837.	Rev. E. M. Beebe	1871-1872.	Rev. Chas. H. Hannaford
1838-1839.	Rev. Joel Knight	1873-1875.	Rev. E. A. Smith
1840-1841.	Rev. Daniel Wise	1876-1877.	Rev. Frederick Woods
1842.	Rev. Daniel Webb	1878.	Rev. George Whittaker
1843-1844.	Rev. J. S. Springer	1879-1880.	Rev. P. M. Vinton
1845.	Rev. Joseph Dennison	1881-1882.	Rev. C. N. Smith
1846-1847.	Rev. L. R. Thayer	1883-1884.	Rev. C. T. Johnson
1848.	Rev. Stephen Cushing	1885-1887.	Rev. John Galbraith
1849.	Rev. Charles Baker.	1888-1889.	Rev. Austin H. Herrick
1850-1851.	Rev. James Shepard	1890-1892.	Rev. James F. Allen
		1893-1894.	Rev. G. M. Smiley.

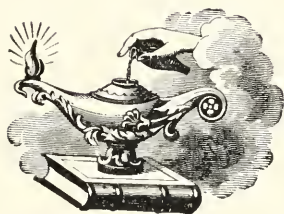




REV. J. P. COWLES.

(Principal of the Ipswich Female Seminary, 1844-1876.)





## Manning High School Graduates.

1875. Geo. W. Tozer, Clarence A. Brown, Alice A. Smith, Arobine E. Goss, Kate Dawson.
1876. Carrie Lord (Brown), Alice L. Newman (Blake), \*Minnie Sherburne (Reed), Lucy S. Lord, Grace Dodge, Nellie W. Dodge (Auger).
1877. \*Josie Akerman, S. Isabelle Arthur, Edward H. Bond, S. Lou Davis (Hubbard), C. Herbert Howe, J. Henry Johnson, Ethelena Rust, Etta L. Smith (Wentworth), Florence L. Tyler (Hunt, Keeller), Charles Wells.
1878. Fred S. Burnham, Mary Butler (Maine), John E. Cook, Harry K. Dodge, Addie Cummings (Kennedy), Clarence W. Newman, \*Kate M. Russell.
1879. Fannie W. Arthur, Ruth Brown (McIntosh), Anson Clark, Josephine F. Hurd (Dodge), Nellie Jewett (Howe), Nellie V. Lang, \*Annie L. Lord, Harry W. Tyler.
1880. Mary F. Burnham (Ross), \*John Donovan, Ida B. Johnson, James E. Lord, Edith I. Staniford (Doie), Jesse Wade, \*Hattie Weymouth (Roberts).
1881. Ruthelia Boynton (Foster), Elmer F. Ellsworth, Isabelle M. Gray, Arthur W. Hale, George A. Schofield, Cora A. Smith.
1882. Mary F. Caldwell (Thorndyke), Jennie T. Cogswell, (Safford)\*Lucy K. Cogswell, \*Annie S. Cutler (Brown), Albert Bradstreet, Lettie Falls, Hattie Goodrich, Charles A. Hale, Cora H. Jewett, Arthur D. Kinsman, George T. Lang, Elisabeth B. Palmer, \*Henry W. Rogers, Eugene E. Sawyer, Emily W. Tyler.
1883. Hattie M. Copp, James W. Cummings, Herbert L. Ehrlacher, \*Lewis Hovey, Sadie P. Russell (Tucker), Annah M. Russell, Oliver Clifton Willcomb, Eva A. Willcomb, Sarah E. Worcester (Varina).

\* Deceased.



MRS. REV. J. P. COWLES.



1884. Susie H. Baker, Kate C. Baker, Chester W. Bamford, Roscoe Caverly, Grace C. Dane ( ), Fannie S. Ehrlacher (Howe), Lizzie H. Kimball, J. Howard Lakeman, Emma L. Nason (Daniels), Lizzie B. Reed (Tilton) Carrie F. Ross, George A. Stone, Lucy S. Stone (Bamford), James N. Ward, Arthur W. Webber, Mary E. Willett (Saunders).
1885. Jessie P. Arthur, Carl A. Caverly, Alfred S. Conant, Anna S. Cogswell (Smith), Fred B. Harris, William A. Howe, William O. Johnson, George E. O'Connor, Eva M. Palmer, Carrie S. Perley, Roscoe D. Perley, Jessie W. Ross (Purdy).
1886. Fannie W. Bond (Trussell), Thomas W. Baxter, Anna C. Clark, (Robinson), \*Mary B. Fowler, Carrie Hills (Andrews), Fannie Shatswell (Ober), Harry K. Shatswell, Sophia C. Smith (Falls), Mary A. Underhill (Johnson).
1887. Mabel B. Condon, Lillian C. Foster (Fogg), Augusta M. Hodgkins, Amy M. Johnson, Jesse F. Johnson, Mary F. Lovering, Georgia K. Perkins (Leet), Maud C. Rust (Clothey), George A. Spencer, Alice F. Thomas, Lizzie M. Weymouth.
1888. Grace Damon (Bailey), James Damon, Arthur C. Glover, Edw. A. Howe, Alice G. Lord, Annie D. Lord, Frank A. Russell, Frank W. Ward.
1889. Wayne Abbott, E. B. Burnham, Ada W. Dane, Mary D. Harris (Patriquin), Fred J. Lamson, \*Gertrude Lamson (Glover) \*Frank C. Lord, George W. Lord, Edwin A. Smith, Clara Small (Willard), Lena M. Stone (Wendell), Delia Tarr, George F. Taylor, Anna S. Tupper (Tucker), Elton E. Wildes.
1890. \*Hattie Brown, Laura Brown (Rice), Edmund Cummings, Linwood Conant, Carrie Kimball (Wildes), Edwin Pike, Laura B. Underhill, Dora Lord, Millie Kirk.
1891. Henry S. Bowen, \*Eva K. Brown, Harriet W. Brown (Brown), Elisabeth I. Copp (Coma) Grace A. Norwood (Bailey), Mabel F. Nourse ( ) Frank G. Potter, Harriet C. Russell, Kate F. Sullivan, James W. Tyler, Chester P. Woodbury.
1892. Rufus H. Brown, Maye E. Clarke, Annie E. Cook (Bowen), Samuel F. Damon, Bernard L. Goss, George E. Hodgkins, Robert S. Kimball, Franceine McIntire (Brown), Mary McLaughlin, Maud P. Maynard (Phyphus), Eliza F. Plouff (Mason), Helen Gould Safford, William R. Spinney, Grace Smith, Mabel R. Willis.

\* Deceased.

1893. Ella M. Archer, \*Gertrude L. Atkinson, \*George W. Baker, Chester C. Caldwell, Lizzie B. Caldwell (Morris), Mabel A. Copp (Falls), Chester L. Dane, Louise S. Glover (Hodgkins), Charles B. Johnson, W. Quincy Kinsman, \*Arthur H. Lord, Vivian Maynard, Edith F. Perley, \*Moses B. Phillips, Lucy B. Story, Oliver R. Underhill, Carrie Willcomb (Savory).
1894. Bertha A. Brown (Russell), Charles F. Damon, Edward L. Darling, Alice D. Harris (Harris), Eichel D. Hills (Poole), Lucy A. Kimball, A. Sumner Nichols, John A. Perkins, Harry M. Sayward, Edmund L. Smiley, Oliver R. Underhill (post graduate).
1895. Etta Appleton (Scotton), Albert S. Brown, Jr., Belle Brown, Ralph Burnham, Caroline S. Daniels, Elva Fellows, Hattie F. Gove, Annie D. Grant (Caldwell), Susan L. Kimball (Brown), Lottie E. Perley, Matilda Scotton, Edith Underhill.
1895. Franklin T. Burnham, Florence A. Conant, Edith L. Daniels, Ralph H. Grant, Bessie De La Haye, Minnie F. Hodgkins, Clement L. Kimball, Mattie U. Lord, Marion P. Ross, Chester H. Smith, Edw. M. Sullivan, Ellen T. Sullivan, Etta M. Wells, Fred G. Whittier, Lucy G. Harris.
1897. Mabelle I. Akerman (Damon), Annie M. Hayes (Ames), Ora L. Purington (Burgess), Ernest C. Rust, Grace A. Wallace (Gauld), Harry L. Ellsworth.
1898. Mabel C. Barker, Bessie M. Bolles (Damon), Daisy Bond, Emma A. Brown, Harry K. Damon, Lydia C. Daniels, Harry L. Ellsworth, Ada S. Lewis, George A. Player, Willie F. Saunders, Mabelle A. Thurston, Minnie B. Thurston, Grace A. Wallace.
1899. Ethelyn S. Adams, Augusta N. Appleton, Adrian G. Barker, Helene B. Clarke, Florian L. W. Coggsball, Elsie M. Daniels, John A. Herlihy, Frederick W. Horton, Edith A. Lavalette, Charles R. Lord, Daniel E. Measures, Bertha M. Morse, Eva L. Spiller (Morrill), Frederick S. Witham.
1900. Alice M. Brown, Cora M. Brown, Elsie F. Brown, Jesse A. Brown, Katie L. Brown, Marion G. Brown, Nella M. Brown, Alice G. Burnham, William R. Claxton, Emily A. Constant, Joseph E. Fellows, Gertrude M. Foster, Bessie L. Harris, Curtis E. Lakeman, Charles H. Miller, Ralph I. Purington, Elsie M. Ross, Walter P. Ross, Caroline E. Perkins, Frank R. Starkey, Alvah H. Story, Nellie E. Warner.

\*Deceased.





CAPTAIN JOSEPH WILLCOMB.

SEE PAGE 119.)



1901. Chester A. Bolles, Lillie A. M. Bryant, Edward C. Brooks, Ida M. Butler, Ethel L. Clarke, Fannie B. Goodhue, Grace C. Lord, Lydia H. McIntire, Henry S. Spaulding, Clara E. Story.
1902. Stella C. Adams, Lester C. Bradstreet, Christina M. Chisholm, Stella Emerson, Irene F. Fellows, Myra C. Goodhue, May B. Graftum, Jennie Hale, Arthur S. Lord, Myra Lord, Mabel Perley, Alice Perkins, Alice Smith, Roland H. Wilcomb.

\*Deceased.



THE WILLCOMB FAMILY.

OTHER WILLCOMBS



GEORGE WILLCOMB.



## George Willcomb<sup>s</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL L.,<sup>7</sup> GEORGE<sup>s</sup>) Was born at Ipswich, Mass., Jan. 4, 1838, and was one of the eight sons of Daniel L. and Louisa (Sweet) Willcomb. During his boyhood he received the usual public school education of that town.

In 1850 he entered the employ of Manning, Glover & Co., Boston, dealers in dry goods and bedding. He was quick to learn, alert at all times, and by years of diligent service and strict application, worked his way through the various positions, mastering all the details, until in 1858 he became a member of the firm. In 1871 and up to the time of removal the firm name has been Glover & Willcomb, and has a world wide reputation. Twelve years ago Mr. Glover retired and Mr. Willcomb carried on the business under the old name until 1902, when under new conditions and new surroundings, he placed his name at the head of the concern where a half-century ago, as a boy, he commenced his business life.

The many inconveniences, and the increase in valuation caused by the building of the Union Station subway, and the improvements to Canal street, caused Mr. Willcomb to erect the fine, capacious building extending from 54 to 64 Chardon street, and extending through to Pitts street. The building is a five-story brick structure with basement and all the modern improvements.

The business has long had a record as one of the reliable, honorable and substantial houses that have assisted in making Boston's commercial history.

The reputation for quality of goods has kept his large factory at Hyde Park running at its full capacity.

He was married to Martha A. Stearns, daughter of Charles Stearns, a well-known merchant of Hanover street, Boston.

Two children were born to him.

Albert, b., Feb., 1860; d., May, 1879.

Carrie, b., Oct., 1863; m.,

Carrie was married to George M. Morgan, manager of the hair factory at Hyde Park.

In February, 1902, Mr. Willcomb and wife, in company with Charles E. Morrison, president of the Faneuil Hall National Bank, sailed on the *Commonwealth* for a tour of Europe, and prior to their departure were tendered a banquet by the Millionaires Club of the Vendome at that hotel.







THE OLDEST STONE ARCHED BRIDGE IN AMERICA,  
BUILT AT IPSWICH, MASS., IN 1764.

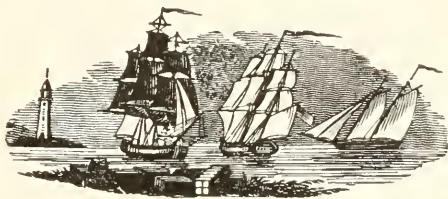


## Thomas Willcomb<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> RICHARD,<sup>3</sup> STEPHEN,<sup>4</sup> THOMAS<sup>5</sup>)  
Was born at Salem, Mass., in 1753, and was the eldest son of Stephen and Sarah (Beadle) Willcomb. He was a baker by trade, having probably learned the trade with his uncle, Benjamin Nourse.

He was admitted to the Essex Lodge of Free Masons March 13, 1780, and was chosen Junior Warden, Dec. 19, 1782.

He was married at Salem, Sept. 26, 1776, to Priscilla Webb, a young lady of eighteen.



The Webb family at that period was quite prominent among the maritime people of Salem. Capt. Benjamin Webb was engaged in trade with the Rio Grande. In 1792 he was master of the schooner *John*, and July 11, 1795, as master of the ship *Washington*, he entered at Salem from Calcutta, via Boston, with a cargo of sugar. Sept. 30, 1795, the brig *Sally*, Benjamin Webb, master, cleared for Batavia, and entered from that place a year later with a cargo of pepper and sugar. In 1798, the bark *Sally*, Benj. Webb, master, entered at Salem from Calcutta. In 1799, Stephen Webb was master of the ship *Henry*.

During the war of the Revolution, Salem sent out 158 vessels, mounting about 2000 guns. These vessels captured 445 prizes. Following the close of the war the foreign trade of Salem took a great jump. In 1793 there were twelve ships owned in Salem; In 1807 there were sixty, and in 1833, there were 111 vessels engaged in the foreign trade.

Thomas had three children by his first wife :

Priscilla, b., 1777; d., Feb. 8, 1796.

Sarah, b., 1778; m., Aug. 12, 1799; d., Mar. 28, 1859.

Polly, b., Dec. 12, 1780; m., 18   ; d., Aug. 19, 1864.

Sally was married to Capt. George Southward of Salem, and lived to a good old age, being over 81 years old at the time of her death.

Polly married Robert Deland of Salem, she dying August 19, 1864, and her husband the day following.

Priscilla died of consumption when but nineteen.

Thomas' wife dying about Jan. 11, 1781, he was married at Salem the following year by the Rev. James Diman of the old South Church to Elizabeth Lambert, a daughter of Capt. George Lambert. Three children were born of this marriage.

Thomas, b., Oct., 1783; d., Feb. 4, 1805.

Betsey, b., Oct. 30; 1785;

Elizabeth, b., May 23, 1790; m., 181   ; d., 18   .

After the close of the Revolutionary War the merchants of Salem sought to establish trade with foreign ports, and prominent among them were the Lamberts. The brig *Hope*, 160 tons, made annual voyages between Salem and the Cape of Good Hope for six consecutive years, 1790-1795, First three, Capt. Jonathan Lambert; last three, Capt. Samuel Lambert. Jonathan Lambert was

also master of the schooner *Ruth* and the *Olive Branch*.

Thomas, Jr.,<sup>s</sup> was a promising young man, mate with Capt. Penn. Townsend, of the brig *Edwin*, and after his father's death, was educated by Moses Townsend. He died of fever at Gaudaloupe, Mar. 24, 1805.

One of the voyages of the *Edwin* was to Bordeaux where a cargo of wines and prunes were secured, consigned to this Moses Townsend. Capt. Penn Townsend some years later was master of the brig *Telemachus*, of Salem, which in May, 1810, arrived at that port from Constantinople with a cargo of cordage, figs, raisins and currants.



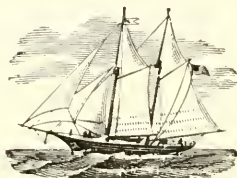
Elizabeth married George Hodges of Salem. One of their children, George, Jr., died of fever when about three years old. A second son also named George, died in less than a year. They lived on Hardy street, below Derby, on Turner's lot. They later removed to Andover. George Hodges was surveyor of the port of Salem from 1809 to 1817.

The Hodges were also seafaring people. Jonathan Hodges was master of the bark *Richard* and the *Hazen*. Gamaliel Hodges was master of the brig *Polly and Betsy*. February 23, 1796, the brig *Friendship*, of Salem, George

Hodges, master, arrived at the home port from India. In April, 1803, the ship *Union*, George Hodges, master, entered Salem from Canton, with a cargo of tea, paying a duty of \$43,190.79. The brig *Phoenix*, George Hodges, Jr., master, entered Salem from Guyaquil in December, 1826, with 166,120 lbs. of cocoa, consigned to the above-mentioned Moses Townsend.

Their mother died of fever, October 15, 1793, aged 28, and was buried in the Charter street burial ground, Salem, in the right-hand corner, nearest the street, from which it can be easily seen.

Thomas himself died of consumption at Saco, Me., April 14, 1789.



## James P. Willcomb.<sup>6</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JAMES P.<sup>6</sup>) Was born at Bethlehem, N. H., August 22, 1795, and was one of the seven sons of "Sir" Moses and Sarah (Johnson) Willcomb.

He lived for some years at Thornton, and also at Guilford, N. H. He was a cooper as well as farmer by occupation.

About 1820 he was married to Nancy P. Hunt. They had four children:

William J., b., June 27, 1822; m.,       ; d., 190 .

Frank Fearst, b., March 7, 1829; m., 18   ; living.

Cynthia W., b., Feb. 26, 1875; d.,

Ann M. b., May 8, 1831; m., 18   ; living.

His daughter Cynthia, was never married. Martha A. married George Gilbert at Atkinson, N. H., and had one son.

The death of his wife occurred March 12, 1867, in her 74th year. His own death took place in his 80th year, Feb. 17, 1875, at Guilford, N. H.



### Almon J. Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHIEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> EBEN DUFR,<sup>7</sup> ALMON J.,<sup>8</sup>) Was the son of Eben D. and Clara A. (Page) Wilcomb, and was born in Thornton, N. H., April 10, 1865.

When he was about seven years old, his father went to Montana, traveling overland in what is familiarly known in the West as "prairie schooners," arriving at the mouth of Alder Gulch in October, 1872. Indian troubles were on every hand, and the family endured the usual privations and hardships incident to every pioneer country.

He attended such public schools as the pioneer circumstances would afford, and was engaged on his father's ranches in farming and stock raising, until he became of age, working hard to procure funds with which to secure a higher education than these schools could give. He then studied at Holbrook's Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, graduating from the business department, after which he took a thorough course in the Business College at Sedalia, Mo.

In 1889, after returning from school he went out with an engineering party for the Union Pacific Railroad, in the fall accepting a position as assistant cashier with Hall & Bennett, bankers, Virginia City, Mont., where he stayed until the fall of 1898, when he went to Twin Bridges, building a banking house, where he has acted as cashier ever since.





ALMON J. WILCOMB.

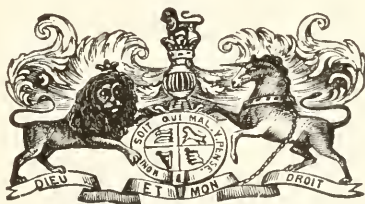


Mr. Wilcomb also has a half interest in a farm of 1640 acres in an adjoining town, with about 600 head of horses and cattle, a butcher shop being also run in connection.



### Nicholas Willcomb.<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> NICHOLAS<sup>5</sup>) Was born at Ipswich, Mass., on the 2d of April, 1758, and was one of the nine children of "Mr." Joseph Willcomb. His mother was his father's second wife, and was the daughter of Col. Moses Titcomb, of New-



bury, one of the participants in the capture of Louisburg, and who met a soldier's death three years previous to Nicholas' birth. It is probable that he received his name from his uncle, Capt. Nicholas Tracy, of Newburyport.

When the war for Independence began, in his 18th year, he enlisted in the company of Capt. Daniel Carr, of Haverhill, 9th Massachusetts Regiment, for "as long as the war should last."

## Eben Dufer Wilcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> EBEN DUFER<sup>7</sup>) Was born at Bethlehem, N. H., December 9, 1825, and was one of the five sons of Joseph and Sallie (Danforth) Wilcomb. Besides the boys he also had six sisters.

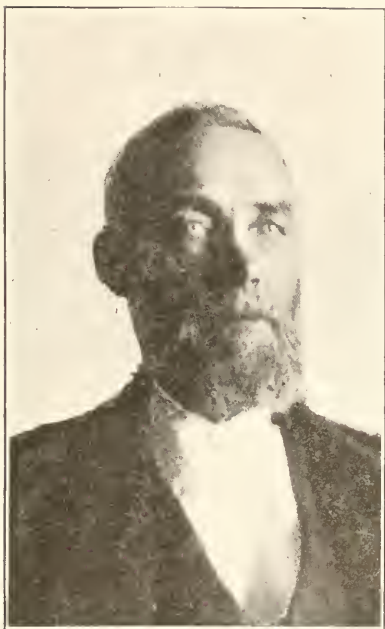
In early life he spent some time in South America. At the time of the great rush to the gold fields of California, he made the voyage via Cape Horn to San Francisco in 1849. Later he owned and ran for quite a number of years a trading boat on the Mississippi river.

In November, 1860, he was married at Thornton, N. H., to Clara A. Page.

Eleven children were born to them. In 1871, triplets being born, one of whom is still living.

Ella M., b., Sept. 27, 1861; m.,       ; living.  
 Albert E., b., Mar. 24, 1863; m.,       ; living.  
 Almon J., b., Apr. 10, 1865; m., June 7, 1894; living.  
 Frank H., b., Mar. 12, 1867; m., Nov. 6, 1895; living.  
 Orrin E., b., Dec. 31, 1871; m., April 16, 1900; living.  
 Alice C., born Dec. 31, 1871; d., Sept., 1872.  
 Osgood B., b., Dec. 31, 1871; d., Sept., 1874.  
 Liela M., b., May 3, 1875; m., Dec. 19, 1900; living.  
 George J., b., Nov. 10, 1878; living.  
 Alice C., b., Aug. 1, 1884; living.  
 Charles G., b., Feb., 7, 1888; living.

Of his daughters, Ella was married at Sheridan, Mont., to Stephen Rees.



EBEN DUFFER WILCOMB.



Liela M., was married at Twin Bridges, Mont., Dec. 9, 1900, to George Swortz.

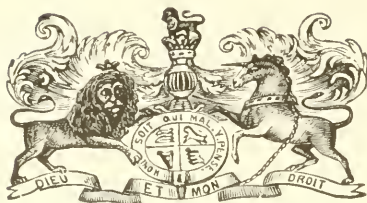
In the fall of 1872 he went to Montana, where he has since resided, living in various places. For some time he has been living at Pageville, Mont.



### Ellinor Wilcome.

While this book was in press and about two-thirds printed we were fortunate enough to discover documents deposited in the State Library at Concord, N. H., which give much valuable information concerning Ellinor (or Elenor) wife of Richard Wilcome, of the Isles of Shoals, (See page 18), and incidentally confirming what was up to this time conjecture, *i. e.*, that Zeccheus was the son of Richard. We therefore insert in the following pages copies of these old records, which are very interesting, for the light they throw on the home and occupation of our early ancestors. Who the other four children of Richard and Ellinor were we have not yet discovered, but suppose one of them must have been the wife of John Muchmore, and possibly one was the Daniel we have mentioned on page 20. Another may have been Sarah, daughter-in-law of William Moore of York. Richard's marriage must have taken place as early as 1667, or thereabouts, for the eldest son of Zeccheus was born in 1687. Ellinor must have been a woman of religious tendency as well as of good business ability.

We give her will on the next page.



## Last Will and Testament

OF

ELLINOR WELLCOM.

Sept. 16, 1699. This is the last will and testament of Ellinor Wellcom, on her sick bed, being in perfect memory.

1 Ly. My will is that I commit my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the dust: Amen.

2 Ly. My will is that I done bequeath unto my son John Muchmore, my new boat which now John Currier is master, and all her appurtenance.

3 Ly. My will is that after my funeral charges are defrayed, that the remainder of my estate shall be equally divided to my five children.

4 Ly. My will is that my son, John Muchmore, shall take care of Joseph Yurine, to bring him up in the feare of God, and to such learning as is convenient for his degree.

5 Ly. My will is that John Muchmore shall have the twenty hogsheads of salt that I bought of your partnge to help defray the child's charge.

6 Ly. My will is that Mr. Roger Kelsey and my kinsman, Richard Goss, shall take care to see this my will performed, as overseers. This being my last will and testament, as witness my hand and seal.

[SEAL]



[MARK]

ELINOR WELLCOM.

In presence of us,

NATH'L TUCKEOMAN.

JOHN O. CURRIER. [MARK]



## Inventory, Oct. 12, 1699.

Of the Goods of ELLINOR WELCOME, deceased.

A Shalopp, - - - - -	£15-800
A maine Saile, Road and Anchors, - -	9- 10
An old main Saile and fforsaile, Craft, - -	3-
Iron pott Compap. mast, buckets and runletts, four netts,	6- 10
A Shalopp, a maine saile and fforsaile, - -	15-
An old mainsaile, roade and anchors, - -	7- 5
Iron pott Compap. mast, bucket & Runlett, craft, netts,	1- 15
Anchors, Cables. and Standing parts. - -	9-
House, Roome, mooring places & stage, - -	93 10
Four barrells Pork, bread & Peas, molasses & rumm	16- 11
Tarr, seven fishing lines, three cords wood, a roade,	5- 19
Barrell of rasons, barrel of flower, silver plate,	10 9
One dozen of pewter plates, ffive pewter platers,	1- 12
Seven old pewter platers, 4 pewter porringers, & bason,	18 5
Pewter flaggons, bason, old pint potts & half-pint potts,	- 11
One wine quart pott, candlestick, salt cellar & tinn pott,	- 5
Brass pestle and mortar, ten dozen hooks, - -	- 11
Twenty hogshheads of salt - - - - -	12-
Two brass kettles and frying pann, three iron potts,	3- 13
Two tramels, gridd iron, pott hooks and toasting iron,	- 7
Two old tables and one cupboard, old tools, - -	1- 9
Small pair of old skales and candlesticks, - -	- 3
Old coverlets and two rugs, 5 blankets, 3 feather beds,	12- 15
3 bolsters, 1 pillow, pr. curtains, valance & beddstead,	1- 10
Ten barrels and a half of Oyle, - - - - -	19 8
110 quintles of Coddffish at 10s per quintle - -	55-
11 barrels of mackerel at 16s per barrel, - -	8- 16
12 quintles skaleffish at 8s per quintle, - -	4- 16
14 hogshheads of salt at 10s per hhd - - - -	7-
One cow and a parcel of hay, one sow pig, - -	4-
One hand mill, pair skales, five linen sheets, three bolster covers, two pillow covers, four diaper napkins, and six table napkins, - - - - -	6- 11
Due to the estate of the before named Ellinor Welcome & Company for fish, from Mr. Daniel Jeffries, of Boston, merchant, the sum of - - - - -	251- 8½
Due to said estate from William Harris, - - - -	6 5

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Witnesses, James Blagdon, Richard Goss.  
3d february, 1700.



ZACCHEUS WILCOME'S THREE CHILDREN.

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### Petition—Guardian.

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To the Honorable William Partridge, Esq'r, Lieut.-Gover'l and Judge of Probate of ye province of New Hampshire.

The humble petition of Henry Spiller, guardian to ye three children, minors, of Zaccheus Wilcome, late of the Isles of Shoals, deceased, humbly sheweth that whereas your Honor of late granted administration to John Muchemore of ye goods, chattels, etc., of Elenor Wilcome, widow, of ye said Isles, which widow was formerly ye wife of William Yurine, who dyed Intestate, with an Estate insolvent, upon which ye Creditors, Administrator, etc., sould ye sd. estate to Richard Wilcome, which sd. Wilcome alsoe dyed Interstate & noe administration Taken of his Estate untill ye decease of ye Sd. Elenor. During which Inter. Marriage between Sd. Wilcome & Elenor, besides other Children, now surviving, their first born was ye Sd. Zacceus, who left Three Children, Viz., William, Deborah and Richard, whom I humbly conceive are Legall representatives of their Sd. Father Zaceus.

Therefore crave your Honor upon due consideration of ye premises in ye Settling of Sd. Wilcome Estate would grant unto Sd. Minors that which in Justice & Equity may soe appertain, & I shall remain as in Duty bound, yr. Honor's Humble Servant,

HENRY SPILLER.

Ye 6th May, 1700.

(Original at State Library, Concord, N. H.)

## Edmund J. Wilcomb.<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> GEORGE WILLOUGHBY,<sup>7</sup> EDMUND J.<sup>8</sup>) Was born in Chester, N. H., April 14, 1856, and was the son of George W. and Martha A. Sleeper.

Educated in the public schools of Chester, at the age of 17, he went to Danversport, Mass., where he remained four years, after which he returned to Chester and engaged in the retail butcher business.

Seven years later he sold the business and moved to Manchester, where he resided for the next twelve years. Since the death of his father in 1904, he has been back on the home farm in Chester.

He was married July 3, 1884, to Mary J. Robie, and has three children, George E., Alice M. and Marion L.



## Charles Snelling Wilcomb.<sup>7</sup>

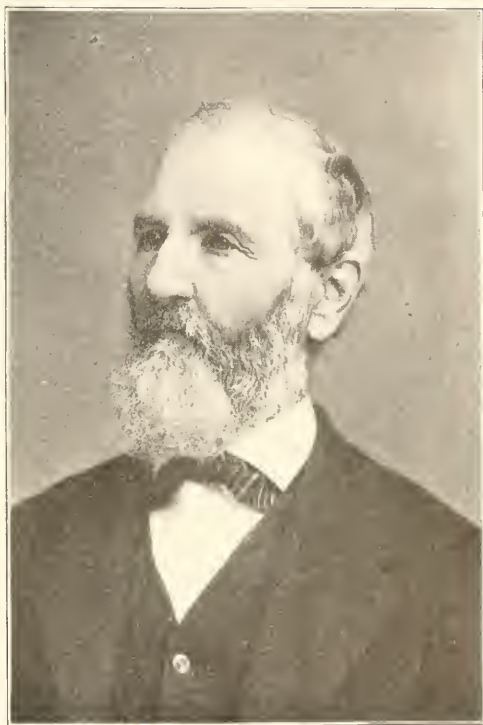
(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> CHARLES S.<sup>7</sup>) Was born at Chester, N. H., December 22, 1822, and was the eldest son of Ebenezer and Susan (Hoyt) Wilcomb.

When a youth he followed the sea for some years, going around Cape Horn and up into the Arctic ocean for whales. His ship was among one of the first to visit the Sandwich Islands, after Capt. Cook was killed.

July 11, 1843, he sailed from New Bedford, on the whale-ship *Isaac Howland*. Capt. Lorenzo Fisher, on a whaling voyage to New Holland, New Zealand, and the north-west coast of America. Gideon Howland, the owner, was a Quaker, and all of his ships were painted a quaker drab. The voyage lasted 22 months, and when they started home they had taken 3530 barrels of oil, to make room for which a part of the provisions were thrown overboard. When off Cuttyhunk they encountered a fierce north-east snow storm. The anchors failed to hold, and the ship was rapidly drifting on the "Hen and Chickens." The rigging was then cut, the masts went overboard with a crash, and the drifting stopped. In the morning the wreckage was cleared, jury masts were rigged, and they were soon safe in port.

He was for some years an overseer on plantations in the West Indies.

March 26, 1849, he was married to Harriet A. Symonds, at the home of the bride's parents in Whites-



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boro, N. Y., by the Rev. Walter Long. Their wedding trip included a sail down the Hudson and a few days in New York. From there they came to the somewhat famous old house in Chester where they have lived for more than half a century.

Twelve children were born to them.

Frances Symonds, b., Feb. 26, 1850; d., Jan. 20, 1863.

Gertrude Adelaide, b., Mar. 10, 1851; d., Mar. 23, 1851.

Charles Albert, b., May 19, 1852; m., 1873; Jan., 1882; living.

George Edward, b., Oct. 28, 1853; d., Aug. 21, 1859.

Henrietta Hobby, b., Nov. 10, 1855; d., Mar. 8, 1862.

Spencer Cone, b., July 11, 1857; d., Jan. 11, 1863.

Nathan Webster, Jan. 12, 1859; d., Jan. 24, 1863.

Henry Green, b., Aug. 30, 1861; d., Jan. 18, 1863.

Mary Elizabeth, b., Dec. 1, 1862; m., April, 1885; living.

Wm. Wallace, b., Oct., 1864; m., Oct., 1892; d., Dec. 2, 1892.

Arthur Henry, b., Dec. 31, 1866; m., Oct., 1888; living.

Chester James, b., 1869; m., Feb., 1900; living.

Mr. Wilcomb held office as selectman of Chester, a number of years, and was town clerk for three years. In 1877, he was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature.

He is a man of rare intelligence, and sound common sense, and his counsel is much sought after. He is a member of the First Baptist church of Chester and one of its deacons.

Mr. Wilcomb was engaged in the cooperage business up to 1880, employing a number of hands. Since that time he has been engaged in farming, having one of the largest farms and orchards in the vicinity of Chester. He has also for some years been engaged in the general merchandise and fruit evaporating business, being associated with his son, Arthur H.

### Sergt. Owen Victor Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JAMES P.,<sup>6</sup> FRANK F.,<sup>7</sup> OWEN VICTOR<sup>8</sup>) Was born at the Weirs, N. H., June 4, 1870, being one of the sons of Frank F., and Eliza J., (Saltmarsh) Wilcomb.

He was married to Maud Doe, a daughter of Morrill Doe, of the Weirs, and has one daughter.

Succeeding his father as station agent for the B. & M. R.R. at the Weirs, in 1898 he enlisted in the service of the U. S. His service record is as follows:

In the 1st N. H. Volunteers, over five months; in the U. S. Signal Corps, over three years,

Enlisting at the commencement of the war with Spain, in the First New Hampshire Volunteers, at the cessation of hostilities he re-enlisted, and was sent to the Philippines, where he experienced a long service during the most troublous times. At the outbreak of the war with China, he was assigned to active service there, and participated in all the principal engagements leading up to and including the final battle of Peking. At the conclusion of hostilities in China, he returned to the Philippines and took active part in the operations of subduing the scattered bands of insurgents in remote localities.

He has been private, corporal, sergeant, and first-class sergeant, participating in the following battles in the





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Philippines: advance on Dasmariñas, in June, 1899; San Francisco de Malabon, October, 1899; against the insurgent army of the north, Oct.-Dec., 1899; Batangas, Feb., 1900; China relief expedition, June, 1900, to July, 1901.

He was also engaged in the battles of Tientsin, Piet-sang, Yangtsun, and was with the advance of the allies on Pekin, Aug. 4 to 15, 1900.

His record has been thus far: "Honest and faithful. A reliable and efficient non-commissioned officer."

On his return to this country in 1902, on a four months' furlough, he was tendered a banquet by the professional and business men of Laconia, June 3, with a welcome extended by the mayor of the city.

He re-enlisted Apr. 1, 1902, for the next three years.



## Moses Willcomb.<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup>)  
Was born at Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 16, 1753, and was the son of "Mr." Joseph and Anne (Titcomb,<sup>1</sup> Warner<sup>2</sup>) Willcomb. His mother was a daughter of Col. Moses Titcomb of Newbury.

He was fourteen years of age when his parents sold the old homestead in Ipswich, Mass., to their son, Capt. Joseph Willcomb, and removed to Amesbury (in 1767). From that time until his marriage to Sarah Johnson, in Haverhill, in the memorable year 1776, nothing of record concerning him has been discovered, though it is known that he became a ship's cooper, on vessels engaged in the West Indies trade, and made several voyages between the New England seaports and those islands. Perhaps the old shipping records could throw some light upon his doings had one the time to look them up. The particular classes of goods which formed the bulk of shipments both ways required much cooperage, and until the Revolutionary war served to interfere there was no lack of business in his line, and he became fairly prosperous. At that time events transpired which brought about a radical change in his life, partaking much of romance succeeded by considerable hardship.

Early in the first year of American independence he chanced to meet, and was smitten with the charms of, a fair daughter of the noted "Tory" family of Johnston, of which Sir William Johnston of historical fame, was the head, and whose property, with that of several other

prominent members of the family, was confiscated by the colonists, and all had sought personal safety in flight.

In December, 1775, he served six weeks at Roxbury, in Capt. Eaton's company, in Col. Johnson's regiment of militia, marching from Haverhill to Roxbury.

The story of their chance meeting, and brief but ardent acquaintance prior to marriage, and the circumstances immediately following are but family tradition. The Johnstons were a numerous family in this country, influential, and happily situated up to the time when the majority of the American colonists took decisive steps for a severance of relations with the mother country. They occupied commanding positions, and offices of trust and honor under the British government, and their loyalty spurred them on to throw their whole strength into the vain endeavor to resist the determined efforts of the colonists by force of arms and otherwise, resulting in a confiscation of their estates and a military move to drive them from the colonies.

Haverhill was then but a frontier settlement, and it was here that Moses Willcomb, braving public sentiment, married Sarah Johnson, March 19, 1776, and at Haverhill their eldest child was born the last day of October of that year.

The general hostility to members of a refugee family induced him to make his way toward Canada. Northern New Hampshire was then an unbroken wilderness, beset with Indians and wild beasts, but on their toilsome way toward the Canadian line through this naturally beautiful region they could not resist the charms of Lake Winnepesaukee, and lingering upon its shores, they courageously decided to remain and make for themselves a home there, far from the bounds of civilization though it were.

Thenceforth, isolated from all relatives and friends, and their whereabouts unknown to other members of their families for many years, they braved the dangers, overcame the hardships, founded a home and reared a hardy family of sons and daughters.

They established their home in a most beautiful and romantic spot, at the foot of the majestic twin peaks known as Mt. Belknap and Gunstock, and within the present limits of Gilford Village.

The fruits of the union of this hardy, rugged pioneer couple were eleven children, seven boys and four girls, all but the eldest born at the old homestead in Gilford.

Moses, b., Oct. 31, 1776; d.

Nathaniel, b., June 5, 1779;

Sarah, b., Mar. 24, 1781;

Anna, b., July 12, 1782; m.,

Daniel, b., July 28, 1785;

Joseph, b., Feb. 8, 1788; m., Nov. 18, 1816; d., Mar. 8, 1860.

Lydia, b., Sept. 8, 1790; m.,

John, b., Aug. 12, 1793;

James P., b., Aug. 2, 1795; m., 18   ; d., Feb. 17, 1875.

William J., b., Aug. 2, 1795; d., Mar. 8, 1880.

Polly, b., Jan. 9, 1798; m., 1820.

The site of the old homestead is readily distinguishable at this writing, a portion of the old cellar, overgrown with shrubbery, remaining. It is near the northern end of the village, and the tract of land formerly Moses Willcomb's, triangular-shaped at present, on which it stood, is now occupied by the more modern and pretentious buildings of Mr. Smith.

Here as the population increased, in addition to agricultural pursuits, Moses Willcomb found time to engage in his trade, and for many years he had the only cooper shop for miles around. He had the rep-

utation of being a sober, industrious, upright citizen, especially noted as a good workman, and a man of strictest integrity in business transactions. Enduring specimens of his handiwork are still quite numerous in the cellars of the oldest farmhouses for a long distance around, generally bearing his brand, "M. W.," burned in the heads of the barrels and hogsheads. Though fairly well educated for the times and well posted in regard to public matters, he had no ambition for public



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emoluments, always refusing to hold office, though manifesting considerable interest in public affairs, especially those of a local nature. He was one of the signers of the petition, in 1811, to have a division of the old town of Gilmanton, and participated in the formation of the new town of Gilford the following year.

His wife, Sarah, born Nov. 27, 1754, was a noble, kind-hearted, Christian woman, ever thoughtful and attentive not only to her family but to others as well. She was well educated and much interested in local

church and charitable work. Moses Wilcomb and wife were among the founders of the old Gunstock Church, one of the earliest churches in this region, and which formerly occupied an elevated position on a solid ledge of rock on the top of a hill near the village, and was visible for miles around.

In the latter years of their lives they were induced to leave the old homestead in Gilford and live in Bethlehem, and later in Thornton, N. H., where he is said to have died about 1800.

Of his daughters, Anna married Noah Burnham of Bethlehem, lived there, had several children, and died in that place.

Sarah married Samuel Crockett of Meredith, and had two sons, one of whom, Col. Selden Crockett, conducted the old Bromfield House, Boston, for a number of years.

Polly was married in 1820 to a Shattuck, who died in 1871. Lydia married a Shattuck for her first husband, and after his death wedded a Whipple. She died at Bethlehem.

Nathaniel went west and was supposed to have been killed by Indians.

William J. lived in the West a number of years. Also kept a grocery store at the Weirs, N. H. He left no children.



## Joseph Willcomb<sup>6</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>) Was born February 8, 1788, being one of the seven sons of Moses and Sarah (Johnson) Willcomb.

At an early age he was "bound out," and on one occasion went on a fishing voyage with his uncle, Capt. Joseph Willcomb of Ipswich.

November 18, 1816, he was married to Sallie Danforth at Meredith, N. H. Eleven children were born to him:

Sarah J., b., July 24, 1817; m., Oct. 28, 1835; d., Jan. 10, 1840.

Betsey P., b., Oct. 12, 1818; d., July 27, 1832.

Hiram, b., June 29, 1820; m., July 9, 1846; d., Oct. 18, 1851.

Joseph D., b., Mar. 2, 1822; m., Aug. 4, 1851; living?

John H., b., Feb. 25, 1824; d., April 22, 1863.

Eben D., b., Dec. 9, 1825; m., Nov., 1860; living.

Andrew J., b., Aug. 13, 1828; d., Sept. 15; 1828.

Mary A., b., Aug. 13, 1828; m., Dec. 11, 1845; d., 1900.

Harriet M., b., Feb. 11, 1831; m., June 1, 1854; living.

Caroline, b., Dec. 19, 1829; d., Jan. 7, 1834.

Eliza A., b., Jan. 12, 1835; m., Sept. 22, 1853.

When the war with England began in 1812, he enlisted for a year, and was appointed orderly sergeant. He was stationed at Portland. When he called the roll for the first time he said he was so frightened that he could hardly read the names.

In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Universalist.

For twenty or more years he lived at Bethlehem, N. H., at which place all his children were born. From there

he moved to Littleton Village for a few years, and then bought a farm in Thornton, where he died March 8, 1860.

At one time he lived in Salem, Mass., and drove a stage between that town and Boston. For a while he drove a private carriage for a Mr. Harris in Boston, who built a large house with a garden on top of it, and a row of sheep's heads around the edge. The owner fell from the top of it one day and was killed. The place was styled "Harris' Folly" by the neighbors.

Of his six daughters, Caroline died Jan. 7, 1831, and Betsy P., died July 27, 1832. Eliza A. was married at Woodstock, N. H., Sept. 22, 1853, to Elbridge Gerry Sargent, a farmer by occupation, and has had several children. Mary A. was married to Albert Barnard at Thornton, N. H., December 11, 1845. Harriet M. was married at Woodstock, N. H., to James N. Stone, June 1, 1854, who died at Sweden, Me., Jan. 7, 1874, aged 44, and leaving three children. Sarah J. was married at Bethlehem, N. H., Oct. 28, 1835.

Joseph's wife died at Thornton, Jan. 19, 1871.





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**Daniel Wilcomb.<sup>6</sup>**

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> DANIEL<sup>6</sup>) Was born in Atkinson, Mass., July 28, 1783, and was the son of Moses and Sarah (Johnson) Willcomb. By occupation he was a farmer, living at Bethlehem and Littleton, N. H., the greater part of his life, and was deacon of a church.

His wife, Hannah Eaton, was born Jan. 17, 1779, and died May 18, 1867. Their children were

Daniel P., b., Dec. 1, 1816; m., 18    ; d., Mar. 17, 1898.

Moses K., b., 1821; m., 18    ; d., 1887.

His death took place Sept. 7, 1862.

## Charles Presby Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JAMES P.,<sup>6</sup> FRANCIS FISK,<sup>7</sup> CHARLES PRESBY,<sup>8</sup>) Was born near the Weirs, Belknap County, N. H., August 13, 1865, and was the son of Francis Fisk and Eliza J. (Saltmarsh) Wilcomb.

In early life he received a common school education in Laconia, later graduating from the N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College at Tilton. Seven years were spent in the drug business and study of medicine, which was then given up for museum work.

Considerable time has been devoted to field work in California, collecting ethnologic and archaeologic material.

For some years he lived at Visalia, Cal.

He was married March 28, 1893, at Visalia, Cal., to Addie Corinne Nichols, of Derry, N. H., a graduate of the New Hampshire State Normal School, and a successful teacher in various parts of New England. They have one child:—

Louise, b., Visalia, Cal., Feb. 14, 1894; living.

The summer of 1900 was spent in travel in Europe. At present he has charge of the Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, having planned and directed the work of arranging and classifying the collections and exhibits. A personal collection of about 7000 specimens is deposited there as a loan. He has had charge of this institution since its inception.



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## Moses Knight Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> DANIEL,<sup>6</sup> MOSES KNIGHT<sup>7</sup>) Was born in Bethlehem, Dec. 1, 1821, and was one of the two sons of Daniel and Hannah (Eaton) Wilcomb.

His wife was Mary Ann Abbott, born in Littleton, Feb. 6, 1822, and died at that place Feb. 27, 1900.

Three children were born to them: Alice Leona, born in Bethlehem March 13, 1852; married W. W. Weller, Jan. 25, 1877; and died Feb. 27, 1881. Henry E., born in Bethlehem, Dec. 18, 1854; died Aug. 3, 1855. Ann M., born in Bethlehem Jan. 1, 1857; married Charles Stevens March 10, 1877, and lives in Littleton, N. H.

Moses died at Bethlehem, June 30, 1887.

## Francis Fisk Willcomb<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JAMES P.,<sup>6</sup> FRANCIS FISK<sup>7</sup>) Was born March 7, 1829, at the Weirs, N. H., and was the younger of the two sons of James P. and Nancy P. (Hunt) Willcomb.

He was married January 31, 1855, to Eliza Jane Saltmarsh, daughter of Thomas and Sally (Gilman) Saltmarsh. They established a home of their own at The Weirs, afterward at Lakeport, now the city of Laconia, N. H. Though a cooper by trade, he early engaged in the railroad business, and was station agent at The Weirs for nearly forty years. He now occupies a less responsible railroad position at Lakeport.

Their children are :

Edgar Harlan, b., Jan. 16, 1856; m., Oct. 27, 1884; living.

Annie Sarah, b., Feb. 6, 1858; m.,       ; living.

J. Frank, b., Mar. 3, 1860; m.,       ; living.

Charles Presby, b., Aug. 13, 1865; m., Mar. 28, 1893; living.

Owen Victor, b., June 4, 1870; m.,       ; living.

His wife, Eliza, died June 3, 1895, in her 57th year, being born on Long Island, N. H., in 1839.

October 17, 1896, he married Hannah C. Wentworth.

His daughter, Annie S., married a Taylor, and lives at Concord, N. H.

His son John Frank, has been identified with the textile manufacturing business all his life, having pat-



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ented numerous successful inventions in this line. He established the Wilcomb Manufacturing Co., an incorporated company, at Providence, R. I., and afterward removed to Norristown, Pa., where he is now located.



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He married Ida Newell, daughter of Stephen Newell, of Lakeport, and has two children, Norris and Maud. Their other sons, Edgar E., Charles P., and Owen V., are mentioned elsewhere.

## Chester James Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> CHARLES S.,<sup>7</sup> CHESTER J.<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Chester, N. H., August 27, 1869, and was one of the twelve children of Charles S. and Harriet A. (Symonds) Wilcomb.

The First Baptist Church of Chester received him into its membership, July 4, 1886. In September, 1887, he entered the Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he graduated in June, 1891, and entering Harvard College in the fall of that year. There he completed in the next three years the work for the degree of *A. B.*, and another year was spent as a student in the Harvard Divinity School, from which he graduated *cum laude*, June, 1895.

In September he entered the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, also being a student at Columbia University, 1895-1897, receiving the degree of *S. T. M.* in June, '97, and graduating from the former institution in May, '98.

In June he was ordained to the gospel ministry at Chester, N. H., supplying the pulpit of the Springvale, Me., Baptist Church, some months before spending the summer of '99 traveling in Europe. In December, he was called to the pastorate of the Greenville, N. H. Baptist Church, becoming its pastor, and "stated supply" at New Ipswich, in January, 1900.

His marriage to Miss Jessie M. Hollister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hollister of New York City, took place February 20, 1900.



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## Walter Seymour Wilcombe.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> JOSEPH D.,<sup>7</sup> WALTER S.<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Smithfield, Va., Jan. 4, 1867, and was one of the six children of Joseph Danforth and Ellen (Cate) Wilcomb.

He was for some time before his decease chief clerk and law student with the N. Y. & N. E. R.R. at Boston, Mass., and having a residence at Hyde Park, where his death took place Jan. 16, 1899.

He was unmarried.



## Charles Albert Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> CHARLES SNELLING,<sup>7</sup> CHARLES ALBERT,<sup>8</sup>) Was the third child of Charles Snelling and Harriet A. (Symonds) Wilcomb, and was born at Chester, N. H., May 19, 1852.

He attended the public school and academy at Chester, Colby Academy at New London, and was a member of the first class of N. H. Agricultural College, then run in connection with Dartmouth College. For several years he taught school at Chester. For some time he was in business, and was postmaster, 1875-85. For three years he was superintendent of schools, and a member of the Legislature in 1883.

In 1872 he was married to Anna E. Bell, a daughter of James D. and Eliza (Morse) Bell. His only child by this marriage, Anabel, married George F. Hogan, of Lynn, a member of the East Baptist Church, and who has for some years conducted one of the most popular tonsorial establishments of that city. They have three children, Roland B., Albion L., and Eleanor.

He has been in business in Springfield, Worcester and Fitchburg, Mass.

In politics he has been a Republican.

Mr. Wilcomb's second marriage took place in 1881, the bride being Isabel J. Sleeper. They have one child, Jessie A.



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## Joseph Danforth Wilcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>6</sup> JOSEPH DANFORTH<sup>7</sup>) Was born March 2, 1822, at Bethlehem, N. H., and was one of the eleven children of Joseph and Sallie (Danforth) Wilcomb.

He was married at Holliston, Mass., Aug. 4, 1851, to Jane P. Cate. Their children were

Ella, b., 1852; d., 1853.

Ada M., b., 1853; m., 1881;

George A., b., 1854; d. 1868.

John Everett, b., 1857; m., 1878; living.

Walter Seymour, b., 1867; d., 1899.

Nellie Cate. b., 1869;

He has been at different periods of his life, farmer, trader, and dealer in brick and lumber.

He seems to lived in different parts of the country, and died at Hammond, La., quite recently.

## Arthur Henry Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> CHARLES SNELLING,<sup>7</sup> ARTHUR HENRY<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Chester, N. H., December 31, 1866, being the son of Charles Snelling and Harriet A. (Symonds) Wilcomb.

He was educated at Chester Academy, and Phillips Exeter Academy, Class of 1886. He has been in business at Chester since then, with the exception of two years as telegraph operator at Boston, and Springfield, Mass.

In 1887, he went into business with his father, the firm name being C. S. Wilcomb & Son, who in addition to the articles usually found in a general store, carry on a large business in evaporating fruit each fall.

Mr. Wilcomb served as postmaster from May 1, 1889, to April 1, 1894, being one of the youngest postmasters appointed by President Harrison, later receiving a letter of commendation from the postmaster-general. After the change in the administration he was again appointed postmaster, which office he now holds.

He has always been interested in politics, holding Republican views. He was elected to the N. H. Legislature of 1895-6, and re-elected for the session of 1897-8. He has also held the office of tax collector of Chester for ten years, held the position of president of the Rockingham County Republican Club, president of the County Convention, and secretary and treasurer of the



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local Republican Club since 1892. He is a Mason, and belongs to the local Grange.

One of the foremost promoters of the Chester & Derry Railway, he is clerk of the corporation, and a member of the board of Directors and Executive Board.

He has been a member of the Congregational church the greater part of his life, and is at present superintendent of its Sunday School.

He was married October 15, 1888, to Sarah M. Batchelder, of Chester, daughter of David L. Batchelder, who was for many years proprietor of the Chester Village Hotel.



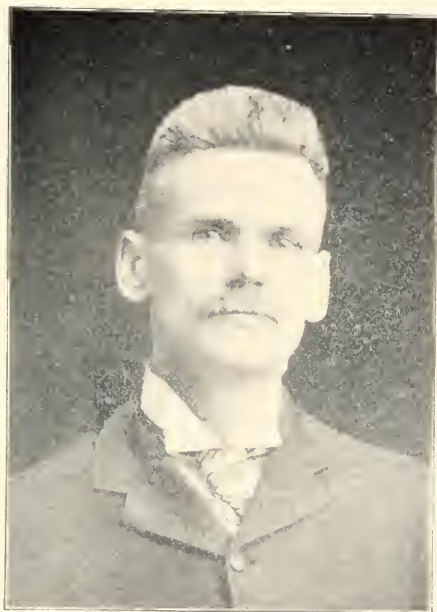
### Edgar Harlan Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JAMES P.,<sup>6</sup> FRANCIS FISK,<sup>7</sup> EDGAR HARLAN<sup>8</sup>) Is the eldest son of Francis Fisk and Eliza Jane (Saltmarsh) Wilcomb, and was born January 16, 1856, at The Weirs, N. H.

He is a printer by trade; engaged in business for himself when eighteen years of age; established the *Lakeside News*, a weekly newspaper, at Lakeport, N. H., and this, with the daily and weekly *Tocsin* at Laconia, and the *Pittsfield Tribune*, at Pittsfield, N. H., he published successfully until 1884, then sold out his several newspaper enterprises and removed to California, principally on account of failing health. There he purchased an interest in the *Visalia Delta*, one of the oldest weekly newspapers in California, and later established and successfully conducted the *Central Californian*.

In 1891 he returned East, and located in Worcester, Mass. Becoming interested in a specialty manufacturing business, and having perfected and patented several popular utilities, he established the National Coin Wrapper Co., manufacturers of paper specialties, which he is now conducting, in addition to doing some newspaper work.

Mr. Wilcomb was married in 1884, but has no children.



EDGAR HARLAN WILLCOMB.



## John Everett Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES<sup>5</sup> JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>, JOSEPH DANFORTH<sup>7</sup>, JOHN EVERETT<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Braggville, Mass., Dec. 6, 1857, and was one of the six children of Joseph D. and Jane P. Wilcomb.

He was married in 1878, and since then nine children have been born to him.

Arthur Everett, b., 1879;

Robert Olin, b., 1880;

Anne Lucile, b., 1881;

George Lawrence, b., 1883;

Madeleine, b., 1886; d., 1886;

Adrian Ingalls, b., 1887;

Marguerite, b., 1888;

Douglass Lathrop, b., 1891;

Percy, b., 1889; d., 1889;

He spent several years of his life at Holliston, Mass., and was for quite a while a railroad agent at Osyka, Miss. Later he resided at Hammond; La., where he was engaged as cashier of the Bank of Hammond.

## Ebenezer Wilcomb.<sup>6</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER<sup>6</sup>) Was born at Chester, N. H., about 1797, and was the son of Aaron and ——— (Stocker) Wilcomb. His father was for years a well-to-do farmer.



The war with England began when he was about fifteen years, old, and two years later when a call came for troops to defend Portsmouth harbor, he enlisted in Capt. Samuel Aiken, Jr.'s company, of which his brother, James Wilcomb was a corporal. The company served for sixty days from September 26, 1814, at the expiration of which time the company was disbanded.

During his long life he was married four times, his first wife being Miss Susan Hoyt, who died Aug. 3, 1829, aged 27. Three children were born to them:—

Chas. Snelling, b., Dec. 22, 1822; m., Mar., 1849; living.

Geo. Willoughby, b., Aug. 31, 1824; m., 1854, 1863; d., 1901.

Susan Emeline, b., 1827; m., 1845, 1855; d., April 7, 1887.

The second wife was Sarah Hoyt, and two children were born to them before her death in 1835, in her twenty-ninth year.

Sarah Ann, b., Aug. 12, 1828; m., 1868; living.

Mary Jane, b., Nov. 24, 1831; d., July 2, 1902.

The third wife was Sophia Wilson, one child being born to them:—

Hannah M., b., Sept., 1848; living.

After this wife's death, Dec. 29, 1855, in her 53d year, he was married a fourth time. She was Sophia Lane, and her death took place April 29, 1879. No children were born of this marriage.

Mr. Wilcomb died Jan. 16, 1883, aged 86, and was buried in the old cemetery at Chester.

Of his children, Sarah Ann married Nathaniel Willey, in 1868, and resided at Newmarket, N. H. He was a soldier on the Union side during the Civil war, enlisting in April, 1861, and being discharged for disability in 1863. One child was born to them.

Mary J. married a Jeremiah Benfield, and had four sons and one daughter. Her home is in Fremont, N. H.

Susan E. married Almond Q. Philbrick, for her first husband, having one son, Leroy B. Philbrick, now a prominent business man of Salem, Mass. Her second husband was Samuel Eastman.



## William Wallace Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> CHARLES SNELLING,<sup>7</sup> WILLIAM WALLACE)<sup>8</sup> Was one of the twelve children of Charles Snelling and Harriet (Symonds) Wilcomb, and was born at Chester, N. H., October 28, 1864.

His early education was gained in the public schools of his native town and at Exeter, he graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1884. The next year he taught school as principal of Chester Academy, but two years later was a member of the class of '87 at Dartmouth, and a member of Dartmouth Chapter, Psi Upsilon. Serving in a Brooklyn hospital for a time, he graduated from Bowdoin Medical College as president of his class and member of roll of honor class of '88. After graduating he received the appointment of house physician in Lynn Hospital, Lynn, Mass.

This position he held for a year, and, by professional ability, kindly disposition and genial manners, won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. From Lynn he moved to Suncook, N. H., where he soon acquired a large practice for so young a man. This drew heavily on his mental and physical powers, and rendered him helpless in a great measure to ward off, and combat successfully, the dread malady he contracted while caring for his patients.

He was a skilful physician and surgeon, and indepen-





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dent thinker, bright in conversation, and easily making friends.

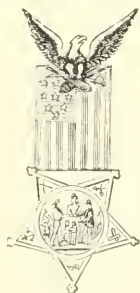
He became a Mason, and also a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross.

He was married to Miss Mabel Strong, of Vassalboro, Me., Oct. 27, 1892, and together they were fitting up a home, when he was stricken with malignant diphtheria and though every effort was made to conquer the fatal disease, he passed away Dec. 2. The body was taken to Chester for interment, memorial services being held in the Baptist Church the following Sunday.



## George Willoughby Wilcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> EBENEZER,<sup>6</sup> GEORGE WILLOUGHBY,<sup>7</sup>) Was born in Chester, N. H., Aug. 31, 1824, and was the son of Ebenezer and Susan (Hoyt) Wilcomb.



He was selectman of Chester at different times, and was a trusted and faithful official. He was in the regular army during the Mexican War, and was a member of Co. K, N. H. Heavy Artillery, during the Civil War. A member of Bell Post, G. A. R., he held the office of chaplain at the time of his death, which position he had held for nine years.

In early life he was baptized by immersion and joined the Baptist church in Chester. He went to New York, where he resided about a dozen years. While there he united with the Methodist church.

Returning to Chester, he married Martha A. Sleeper May 23, 1854, and of that union were born :

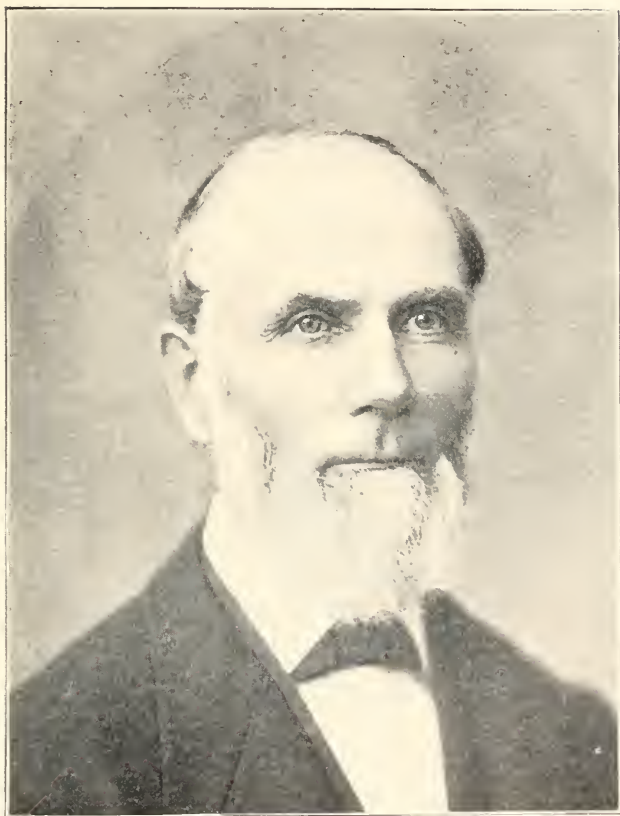
Edmund J., b., April 14, 1856; m., July 3, 1884; living.

Abbie E. R., b., Aug. 31 1861; d., Feb. 10, 1866.

Martha M., b.,

December 2, 1863, he married Mary J. Stevens, who survives him.

He was a deacon in the Congregational church in



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Chester for about twenty years, and was an unusually faithful attendant in the Sunday School.

His death took place at his home in Chester, Nov. 25, 1901. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the town, and had lived on his farm on the Derry road many years. He had been in poor health for some weeks, though none expected the sudden call to rest that removed him from the scenes of earth.



## Charles W. Wilcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> DANIEL,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL P.,<sup>7</sup> CHARLES W.<sup>8</sup>) Was born at Littleton, N. H., December 1, 1845, and was the son of Daniel P. and Frances M. (Weed) Wilcomb.

When he was between sixteen and seventeen years of age he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Regiment Vermont Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service, October 22, 1862. About a year later he was mustered out of the service, but re-enlisted November 23, 1863, as a recruit in Co. K, Fifth Vermont Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service, December 12, 1863.

At the time of the battle of Gettysburg, the duty of guarding the ammunition and provision trains was assigned to his regiment.

In the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, while his regiment was deploying to the right, he was struck by a musket ball in the upper part of the thigh, from the enemy posted partially on their flank and rear. The ball passed through the thigh and out at the right groin, lodging in his wallet, which was nearly torn into fragments. Mr. Wilcomb brought the ball home. It is greatly flattened from contact with the bone of the hip or thigh.

The wound was given by a Rebel, who rose up from behind a log, deliberately leveled his piece upon him,





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and fired. Wilcomb's right and left hand man both fired upon the Rebel, and, both hitting him, he fell dead.

Young Wilcomb laid two days upon the ground without food. He and another soldier found a negro who had a chicken, which they purchased for a dollar, and thus relieved their hunger.

In the course of a week he reached a hospital at Washington, but by that time gangrene had seized the wound and reduced him to such a degree of weakness that he was insensible for nearly three weeks, and it was nearly a year before he rejoined his regiment.

Mr. Wilcomb was also in action at Petersburg, April 2, 1865.

June 29, 1865, he was mustered out of the service.

He was married to Emma M. Metcalf (born in Canada, May 27, 1847) at St. Johnsbury, Vt., May 21, 1868. They have two children, Grace M., born Aug. 24, 1880, and Anna M., born Jan. 26, 1889.

Mr. Wilcomb and family are now living at 15 Vancouver street, Boston, Mass.



## Daniel P. Wilcomb<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> DANIEL,<sup>6</sup> DANIEL P.<sup>7</sup>) Was born at Littleton, N. H., Dec. 1, 1816, and was the son of Daniel and Hannah (Eaton) Wilcomb.

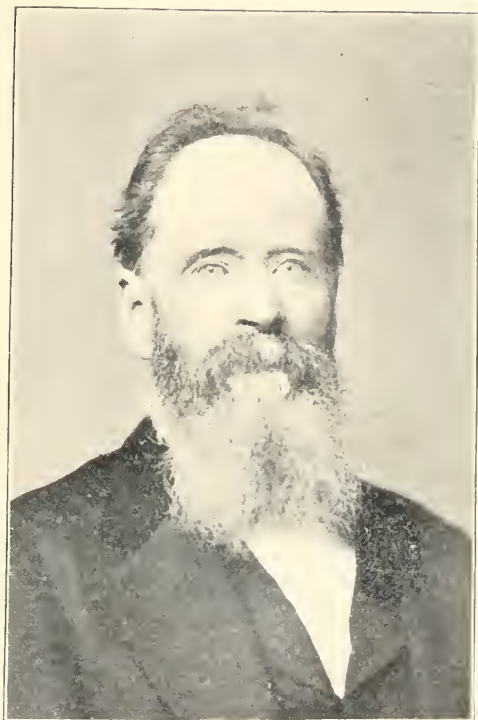
By occupation he was a farmer, living at Littleton, and in later years at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

His wife was Frances M. Weed, born Sept. 15, 1822, and died Oct. 8, 1861. Their children were:

Charles W., b., Dec. 1, 1847; m., May 21, 1868; living.  
Clarence D., b., Dec. 19, 1849; m., June, 1875; d., 1900.  
Walter D., b., June 2, 1866;  
Ida E., b.,                      m.,                      living.

Ida B. married Hiram B. Hawkins, lives at Danville, Vt., and has six children: - Eugene M., Jennie, Percy, Alice, Charles and Harry.

He died at St. Johnsbury, March 17, 1898.



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## Henry Wilcomb.<sup>6</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> HENRY,<sup>6</sup>) Was born at Chester, N. H., about 1824, and was one of the seven sons of Aaron Wilcomb, of that town.

His wife was Mary Jane Ames, a daughter of Jonas Ames, of Derry, N. H.

His four children were Frank H., born in Bangor, Me., Feb. 22, 1847, married Elizabeth Flanigan of Newfoundland, (died about ten years ago) has three children, Bessie,



Belle and Francis, living; Eddie and Lena, dead. He is now living at Charlestown, Mass.

Frederick was born fifty-nine years ago, on the 25th of February, and is now living in Bangor, Me. He has no children.

Jonas was born fifty-five years ago, in June, at Bangor, Me., and has six children living, four having died.

Jerome, also born in Bangor, is now about 25.

Henry's death took place about fifteen years ago, in Bangor.

## John Warner Willcomb.<sup>8</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> MOSES,<sup>5</sup> JOHN WARNER,<sup>6</sup>) Was the son of Moses and Sarah (Johnson) Willcomb, and was born August 15, 1793, at Salem, Mass.

He was married at Flushing, Long Island, August 11, 1830, to Hannah Dunraven Haffey (born August 11, 1805, in New York City).

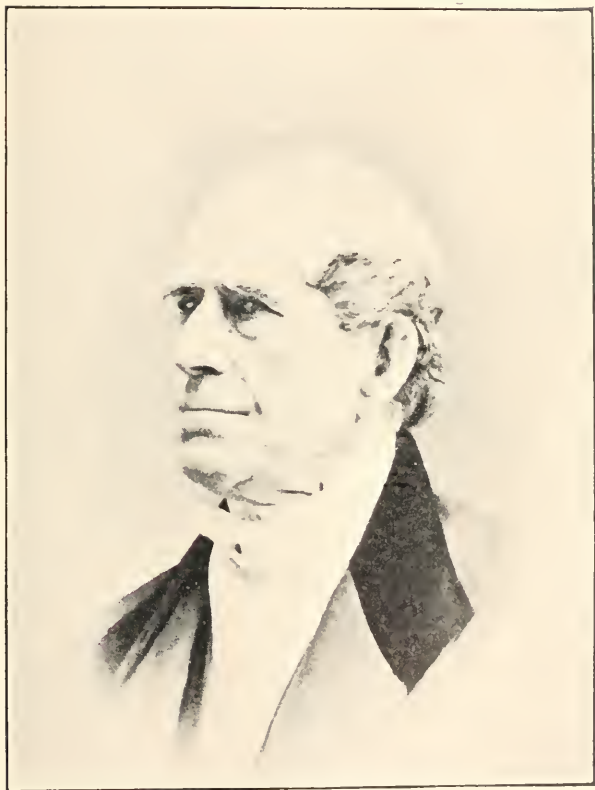
Their ten children, all born at Flushing, L. I., were:

- William James, b., June 3, 1831; d., June 11, 1857.
- Henry Edgar, b., Sept. 5 1833; d., Feb. 1836.
- Sarah Pauline, b., Jan. 15, 1835; single; living.
- Mary Ermina F. King, b., Oct. 31, 1837; d., Sept. 4, 1865.
- John Warner, b., Sept. 23, 1841; d., Oct. 3, 1883.
- Charles King, b., Nov. 20, 1839; d., May 6, 1853.
- Meeta, b., Sept. 29, 1843; single; living.
- Frederick Goodwin, b., Sept., 1844; d., 1844.
- Edward Hicks, b., Sept., 13, 1845; d., Sept. 5, 1861.
- Anna Harris, b., June 17, 1847; d., Mar. 20, 1872.

For many years he was the owner of the Bloodgood Nursery at Flushing, and just as he thought he had acquired a competence, everything was swept away by the defalcation of his New York agent.

He was much interested in the family history and was the last possessor of the Willcomb Coat-of-Arms. This was most unfortunately lost, but his daughter, Meeta, who remembers it well, has promised us a copy sketched from memory, which we will insert in this edition, if arriving in time. If not, we intend to make and forward a copy to subscribers soon after its arrival.





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### Jonas Ames Wilcomb.<sup>7</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON,<sup>5</sup> HENRY,<sup>6</sup> JONAS AMES,<sup>7</sup>) Was born in Carmel, Me., in 1843 and was the son of Henry and Mary J. (Ames) Wilcomb.

He was married in South Boston in 1871, his wife's maiden name being Sarah M. Hopkins. Ten children have been born to them, six of whom are now living. All of his children were born in Boston.

His wife was born in North Cornville, Me.

Three sons and one daughter are married.

He is at present employed in Boston, and resides in Everett.



## Aaron Willcomb.<sup>5</sup>

(RICHARD,<sup>1</sup> ZECCHEUS,<sup>2</sup> WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> JOSEPH,<sup>4</sup> AARON<sup>5</sup>)  
Was the youngest child of "Mr." Joseph and Mrs. Anne (Titcomb,<sup>1</sup> Warner<sup>2</sup>) Willcomb, and was born at Ipswich, Mass., May 5, 1765. His mother was a daughter of Col. Moses and Merriam (Currier) Titcomb, of Newbury.

In his early childhood his parents moved to Amesbury and he himself moved still further up into the country, living for a while at Thornton's Ferry, and at Chester, in New Hampshire.

By occupation he was a cooper as well as a farmer, as were a number of his children.

His wife was ——— Stocker, and nine children were born to them.

Ebenezer, b., 1797.	m., Four times; d., Jan. 16, 1883.
James, b.,	d.,
John, b.,	m., d.,
Joshua, b.,	m., Nov. 14; 1824; d.,
Henry, b., 1824;	m., d.,
Moses J., b., 1813.	m., d.,
Newell, b.,	m., 1849; d., 1849.
Nancy, b.,	m., d.,
Polly, b.,	m., d.,

His death took place about 1845, at Thornton's Ferry, N. H., where he was living with a daughter.

This Chester branch of the family have dropped an "l" from their name and spell it "Wilcomb." Only

the Ipswich branch now spell the name in the old original way, "Willcomb." A old manuscript still existing, and signed by Aaron's father, in 1767, is signed "Willcomb." In 1801, Aaron bought thirteen acres of land at Chester, N. H., of Joseph Hills, paying therefor, \$182.00, the deed being made out to Aaron Willcomb, witnessed by Anne Willcomb and Stephen Chase. Seven years later, this same lot of land was sold to John Hall, and Aaron then signed his name "Wilcomb."

Newell Wilcomb, son of Aaron Willcomb, was born at Amesbury, lived at Newburyport, Mass., and Thornton's Ferry, N. H., was a carpenter and contractor, and



died of Panama fever on the voyage home from California about 1850.

Moses J., son of Aaron Wilcomb, enlisted at Boston, Mass., in U. S. Navy, June 13, 1862, as landsman, for three years; served on the U.S.S. "Ohio" and "Tioga", and was discharged for disability, Nov. 3, 1864, from receiving ship, New York City.

Joshua, son of Aaron Wilcomb, was married to Mary Seward at Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 14, 1824, by the Rev. Doc. Dana.

James Wilcomb, son of Aaron, was a corporal in Capt. George Evans Company, which served at Portsmouth, N. H., for the defence of Portsmouth Harbor, from May 24 to July 4, 1814, and 60 days from Sept. 26, 1814, as corporal in the company of Capt. Samuel Aiken, Jr.

### Other Willcombs.

Picotus Wilicom was living in county of Cambridge, England, in 1273.

Robert de Welcombe, county Somerset, 1 Edward III, Kirby's Quest, page 235.

Thomas Welcom, or Welcombe, was living in the county of Lincolnshire, England, in 1584.

Edward Wilcome, Gent., and Alexander Emerson, were owners of the rectory of Goxhill, County Lincoln, England, 1572.

John Willicome and Jane Lemman were married at St. Michael Church, Cornwall, in 1609.

Thomas Welcome of Dalton (Furniss), is mentioned in record of Lancashire wills of 1631.

A Peter Wilcomb was the son-in-law of William and Mary Salter, original members of the Old South Church, Boston.

George Welcome of Southwick, Mass., born 1820, enlisted in Co. F, 27th Mass. Infantry, at the beginning of the Civil War. Discharged 1865.

George W. Welcome, Jr., born 1846, enlisted in the Union army in 1864, and was discharged, 1865.

William H. Wellcome of Nantucket, enlisted in the Union army Aug. 14, 1862, and was killed at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 11.

James A. Welcome of Nantucket, enlisted in the

Union army, Aug. 5, 1862, and was dismissed for disability, Feb. 16, 1863.

Philip Welcome, born in Canada, enlisted in 1861 in the band of the Third N. H. Vol. Inf. as third class musician, and was mustered out at Hilton Head, S. C.

Mrs. Mary C. Wilcomb was married by Rev. Daniel Fitz, July 3, 1834, to Samuel F. Edwards, of Boston.

Isaac C. Wellcome, lived at Hallowell, Me., and married Mary, third child of Isaac Decker, Dec. 25, 1845.

John Gendron, *alias* John B. Welcome, enlisted in Co. K, 24th Reg't N. H. Vol. Infantry in 1863.

Newell Wilcomb was a carpenter and contractor, living at Newburyport. He married Mrs. Hannah S. White at Providence, R. I., Oct. 3, 1849.

Abner P. Wellcome was married Dec. 23, 1837, at Suffield, Conn., to Sarah D. Tucker, (born July 27, 1818) daughter of Eli and Deborah M. Tucker. He resided at Newport, N. H., and was a farmer, merchant and hotel keeper.

Clara J. Welcome married Charles Hinds in Leominster, Aug. 23, 1881, and died July 20, 1888.

Frederick Wilcomb married Lydia H. Emery, dau. of Benjamin and Elmira Robbins Emery, April 10, 1869, and died in 1873. He had one child, Florence, born June 20, 1871.

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